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Barbara Mezo (left) and her Egyptian lawyer Medha Luxor leave a Cairo court. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Tug-of-love case draws on

**CAIRO, Nov 7, (Reuters):** An Egyptian court requested more documents today before ruling whether American mother Barbara Mezo should have custody of her two children.

The north Cairo court said it would hold a hearing next week on rival pleas by Mezo, of Brooklyn, New York, and her Egyptian mother-in-law for custody of Mohammed, aged seven, and Leila, four.

The tug-of-love case is one of hundreds of parental disputes over children taken out of the United States in a clash of cultures and religious traditions.

Mezo, who converted to Islam, said her estranged Egyptian-born husband Mohammed Al Mergawi smuggled the children out of the United States 19 months ago despite a New York court order granting her custody.

Court documents show that Mergawi's mother has also filed for custody on the grounds that Mezo has turned her back on Islam, endangering the children's stability.

At today's closed court session, Mergawi's lawyer sought permission to call witnesses to testify that Mezo was an unfit mother.

Mergawi, his mother and the children were not in court. Mezo was flanked by her lawyer to find her daughter Sabrina — also alleged to have been brought to Egypt by her Egyptian-born father.

"I am here today to support Barbara," Beshir told Reuters. "My case for custody is also due soon."

### Challenger to Maggie

**LONDON, Nov 7, (Kuna):** A Conservative MP said here today he would consider standing as a "burnt offering" against British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher next month, if no serious challenger to her leadership had emerged.

In a statement to the domestic British news agency, the Press Association, Sir Anthony Meyer, the most outspoken Conservative critic of Thatcher, said: "At the moment I am not considering standing."

"I am inclined to think there ought to be and will be a challenger, and if so, I think there should be a serious challenger."

**Weather**

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Ahmad: 27°C 81°F

Falaka: 26°C 79°F

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Kuwait: 73 per cent

Ahmad: 85 per cent

Falaka: 96 per cent

# East German govt. resigns

## Half a million demonstrate for reforms

**BERLIN, Nov 7, (Agencies):** East Germany's 44-member cabinet resigned today amid growing national unrest and calls from within the Communist Party for a sweeping top-level reshuffle.

"The Council of Ministers jointly resigned," government spokesman Wolfgang Meyer told reporters in East Berlin.

Meyer, who was named to replace Kurt Biecha as spokesman only hours earlier, said the government would remain in office until Parliament elected a new Council of Ministers. He did not say when that would happen.

The announcement came as East Germans fleeing their homeland crossed into West Germany at the rate of about 120 an hour, and as the Communist Youth Organisation newspaper called for the resignation of the country's leadership.

About 500,000 people rallied in Leipzig yesterday evening, and more than 200,000 others went to the streets in at least six other cities.

They demanded free elections and legalisation of opposition groups, challenged the leading role of the Communist Party and ridiculed the draft of a new travel law that had been published by the government earlier in the day.

The law envisages 30 days of free travel for every East German once a year.

### Pakistani talks of plot \$1m to kill Zia

**SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts, Nov 7, (AP):** A Pakistani charged with heroin smuggling testified yesterday that he paid a million dollars for the assassination of former Pakistani president Gen. Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq.

US prosecutors allege that Mushaq Malik, 41, paid Samir Houchaimi of Amman, Jordan, to smuggle \$10 million worth of heroin into the United States.

But Malik testified in US district court here that he had hired Samir to kill Zia, rather than to smuggle drugs. Malik said Houchaimi was a former colonel in the Jordanian Army.

Zia died on Aug 17, 1988 in a mysterious plane crash, along with US ambassador Arnold Raphel and 28 other people.

Malik was questioned by his attorney, Stephen Ferrarone. He is scheduled to take the stand again under cross-examination by assistant US attorney Kevin O'Regan.

Calls to Ferrarone's office last night were unanswered, and federal prosecutors said they could not comment on an ongoing case.



About 100 supporters of the late Philippine ruler Ferdinand Marcos burn an American flag during a demonstration in front of the US embassy in Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)

### US flag defiled Marcos supporters rally

**MANILA, Nov 7, (AP):** About 200 supporters of Ferdinand Marcos spit upon and burned a US flag today in front of the US embassy to demand their late leader's body be returned from Hawaii.

Loyalists also held Roman Catholic masses marking the 40th day of the former president's death. Marcos, 72, died Sept 28 in Hawaii, where he lived in exile since he was ousted in a popular uprising three years ago.

His successor, Corazon Aquino, refused to allow his body to be buried in the Philippines.

During the noisy demonstration, protesters carried placards claiming the Americans "kidnapped" Marcos to Hawaii in 1986 and demanding his body be returned "or else all Filipinos will curse the Americans forever."

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### Muawad at work as Aoun fumes

**BEIRUT, Nov 7, (AP):** Gen. Michel Aoun today rejected the entire peace plan adopted by Parliament and his supporters roused the streets of the Christian enclave, pummeling vendors who tried to defy a strike in support of his hardline stand.

"We reject all of the Taif accord," Aoun said, casting his condemnation with the Parliament, which worked out a new power-sharing accord under the auspices of the Arab League.

Aoun had originally accepted the political reforms included in the accord, but he rejected its security arrangements because they did not include a clear timetable for the withdrawal of Syria's 40,000 troops from Lebanon.

"Lebanon was killed in Taif and buried in Beirut where they elected a president for a Syrian state in Lebanon," Aoun said.

The Lebanese Parliament met in Beirut on Sunday and voted Marwan's legislator Rami Muawad president. It also formally endorsed the political reforms hammered out in Taif, Saudi Arabia over three weeks last month that gave more power to the Muslims.

"A plan has been prepared, details of which will be discussed now, to defend our liberated areas," Aoun said at a press conference. He was referring to the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave under his control northeast of Beirut.

Aoun has no control in the 70 per cent of Lebanon outside the Christian area, where the accord will mean armed unopposed. But he faces stiff opposition within the Christian camp and it is unclear how long the Central Bank will continue paying his bills.

Muawad, 64, confirmed consultations with politicians to form a government of national unity that would try to end the country's 14-year-old civil war. He was considering to include founding Christian and Muslim militias in the government.

Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam drove to Muawad's hometown of Zuhair in Lebanon late today to congratulate the new head of state.

Khaddam pledged to help the government of national reconciliation which Muawad intends to form.

"Syria, which has supported and co-operated with Lebanon's unity, will extend all assistance requested by the government of national reconciliation in order to establish its authority on every inch of Lebanon," Khaddam told reporters after an hour-long meeting with Muawad.

US President George Bush today condemned the attack by supporters of Aoun on the country's Catholic Maronite patriarch.

"I am deeply offended by the Aoun supporters who tried to humiliate the patriarch yesterday," Bush said at a White House news conference. "This does not contribute to peace in any way."

Bush said he had sent a message of support to Muawad, adding that "the steps the Aoun people took yesterday should be condemned."

### Patrols fail to halt Sind killings

**KARACHI, Nov 7, (AP):** At least nine people have been killed and 16 wounded in two southern Pakistan cities, officials said today, despite 24-hour patrolling following a failed no-confidence vote last week.

Police and hospital sources said four of the killings occurred in Karachi and five in Hyderabad.

Authorities said it was not certain how many of the shootings were related to the no-confidence vote in Parliament on Nov 1 against Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. The motion organised by Benazir's rightist Muslim opposition came 12 votes short of passage.

Police said three deaths in Karachi resulted when police fired at curfew violators in the troubled Liaquatabad neighbourhood.

But in Hyderabad, officials said all five deaths were the result of marauding gunmen on motorcycles or snipers. None was caught.

"The problem is that the snipers or motorbike riders operate in small streets and disappear in the back lanes," said Khawar Zaman, police chief of southern Sind province.

Authorities have banned demonstrations and increased patrols in both cities to prevent any violence over the government crisis.

Hundreds have died in clashes between mohajirs, Muslims who emigrated from India following the partition of the sub-continent in 1947, and native Pakistanis since 1986 in Sind, Benazir's home province.

Authorities said they feared the natives would seek revenge against the mohajirs for abandoning the Benazir government.

### US saves Israeli skin

**UNITED NATIONS, Nov 7, (Reuters):** The United States vetoed a Security Council resolution today strongly condemning Israeli actions in the occupied territories and demanding the return of property confiscated from a village where Palestinians staged a tax strike.

The council's other 14 members all voted for the draft.

It was the third time this year that the United States, which is deeply involved in Middle East peace efforts, had blocked a resolution condemning Israel's handling of the 23-month-long Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



Supporters of the rightwing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) take over a three-wheeled scooter-taxi in New Delhi as the campaign for Indian elections later this month heats up. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Bush hopeful on hostages

**WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (AP):** President George Bush said today he hoped the US decision to return \$567 million in frozen assets to Iran will help lead to the eventual release of hostages in Lebanon.

"I carry the fate of the hostages with me every single day," Bush told reporters at a White House news conference. But he said he knew of no reason to be encouraged at this time.

Bush also dismissed criticism of his policies towards Eastern Europe and discussed his upcoming summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Bush convened reporters on the day before the anniversary of his election victory on Nov 8, 1988, and he used an introductory statement to sum up with satisfaction his first 10 months in office.

"I enjoy it; I like the challenge," said Bush, who was inaugurated in January.

The issue that has bedevilled his predecessors and complicated his own term is that of the hostages.

Bush was asked whether the US action, freeing money that had held in a fund to back up claims by US banks against Iran, could help lead to release of the hostages — even though the administration claims the issues are separate.

"I don't know the answer to that..." Bush said, adding that he hoped the current government in Tehran would "do what they can to influence those who hold those hostages."

There are 18 Western hostages in Lebanon held by pro-Iranian groups, including eight from the United States, five from Britain, two from Switzerland, one from Ireland, one from Italy and one from West Germany.

(Earlier report on Page 11)

**DAY BY DAY**

MINISTERS and undersecretaries write "to be referred to the concerned authorities" on applications from the public.

If the citizen is liked by the concerned authorities, the application will pass through; otherwise he will be told that the laws and rules do not permit.

The statement "the law does not allow" is a very flexible and elastic one, and as a result the citizen will live in real trouble.

But ministers or undersecretaries have no time to see whether the law actually does not permit, or it is the concerned employee who does not want to pass it.

The citizen soon begins to search for influence or somebody to save him from the harassment of the concerned authorities.

In other countries, the concerned authorities do not say "no" unless it is actually no, otherwise the citizens can sue them. The citizens can claim they have a right and the concerned authorities refused to give them their right.

Therefore, why cannot the minister or his undersecretary become the concerned authority who should solve the problems of other "concerned authorities."

The ministers should be ministers for all the people and not only for some of them.

**Zahed Matar**

### Dinkins, fighting to grab Big Apple, hopes to win; voting begins

**WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (AP):** Democrat David Dinkins cast his ballot today, fighting to become New York City's first black mayor, as voters across the United States went to the polls to decide local and state-wide campaigns that test attitudes on race and abortion.

In Virginia, Democrat Douglas Wilder was vying to become the first black elected governor of any US state. He made abortion rights a central theme of his campaign. His opponent, Republican J. Marshall Coleman, opposes abortion.

Dinkins held a big lead over his Republican rival Rudolph Giuliani in the public opinion polls going into today's balloting.

A weekend poll of 3,010 people by a local television station and the Gallup organisation showed Dinkins leading 56 per cent to 42 per cent among likely voters. Democrats outnumber Republicans by a 5-to-1 margin in New York.

Voting early, Dinkins declined to claim victory, saying: "I hope we prevail, of course." But he said his transition team was at work.

In other races, Democratic Congressman James Florio was favoured to defeat Republican Congressman James Courter in the New Jersey governor's race. Florio came out strongly in support of abortion rights, while Courter was against it.

Voters also were choosing mayors and City Council members in cities large and small, as well as state legislators in Virginia and New Jersey.

The candidates included long-term incumbents like Coleman Young in Detroit and Kathy Whitmire in Houston. Socialist Ben Nichols was favoured to win election as mayor of Ithaca, New York, while Norm Rice in Seattle and John Daniels in New Haven, Connecticut, were bidding to become the first black mayors of their cities.

**ARAB TIMES**

**Grand Bingo**

Miss Sherine Elizabeth Abraham has won the Second Full House prize. She will receive KD 60. Game No. 73 continues for the Third Full House prize.





Kitty: Ill

## Dukakis' wife in hospital

BOSTON, Nov 7, (AP): Kitty Dukakis, the wife of the Massachusetts governor, underwent test today at a hospital, where she was taken by ambulance after complaining of sluggishness, a spokeswoman said.

The wife of Gov. Michael Dukakis, a former presidential candidate, had suffered from the flu for three or four days before she was taken last night to Brigham and Women's Hospital, said the spokeswoman, Mindy Lubber.

"I don't know if it's flu-related. I know she was feeling groggy," Ms. Lubber said. "She's been feeling tired. Last night she was feeling particularly lethargic."

Mrs. Dukakis underwent four weeks of treatment for alcoholism at a clinic after her husband's unsuccessful campaign. She revealed previously she was addicted to diet pills for years. She underwent neck surgery last year.

Ms. Lubber said initial examinations did not indicate her illness was drug- or alcohol-related. Ms. Lubber would not say what tests were conducted.

Hospital officials refused to provide any information on Mrs. Dukakis, who will be 53 tomorrow.

# Private armies proliferating in the Philippines

MANILA, Nov 7, (Reuters): Private armies are proliferating in the Philippines, run by politicians seeking election and by wealthy businessmen and landlords, a government report said today.

It said 411 crime syndicates, with a membership of active and former soldiers, were operating in the country.

Almost half were in Manila, where about 20,000 wanted criminals were on the loose.

The report was prepared by the National Peace and Order Council, a joint civilian and military body formed by President Corason Aquino to find solutions to the country's crime and insurgency problems.

"These groups pose a threat to the peace and order condition nationwide," said Major General Ramon Montano, chief of the paramilitary Constabulary force, who released the report.

The report said there were 152 private armies around the country, with a combined strength of 7,000 men

equipped with high-powered weapons. Many were organised by politicians preparing for the presidential and congressional elections in 1992.

In past elections, political warlords used armed groups to terrorise voters and steal ballot boxes.

The report said some of the groups were formed by businessmen to serve as

their personal security forces. Others were set up by rich sugar plantation owners who have vowed to fight the government if it carries out its programme to redistribute their land to farmers.

The report did not name any politicians.

At least 102 private armies operate

on the southern island of Mindanao, home of Muslim political warlords, the report said.

Former president Ferdinand Marcos, who ruled the country for 20 years and died in exile in Hawaii in September, claimed to have disbanded armies of private armies when he declared martial law in 1972.

## Hindus defy pleas

Mosque land occupied for temple

NEW DELHI, Nov 7, (Kuna): Preparations are in full swing for laying the foundation stone of the Ram temple at Ayodhya in northern state of Uttar Pradesh on Friday.

The foundation stone of the temple is being laid near the disputed place of worship, a 16th century mosque (Babri masjid) which Hindus claim to be lord Ram's birthplace.

Despite several pleas by prominent political leaders including V.P. Singh, Kamalapati Tripathi and others, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), a Hindu right-wing organisation, has said that it will not

abandon its plan of Nov 10 foundation ceremony.

Already 100,000 consecrated bricks have reached Ayodhya. The temple construction will cost Rs.250 million.

The atmosphere in the area is surcharged with emotions and religious sentiments. The administration (government) is also firm not to allow encroachment on *nazul* (government property) land.

The state government has moved the Allahabad High Court for a direction regarding the spot, which has been selected by the VHP for the foundation laying ceremony.

Sri Lankan Tamils fight

## Troops sent to Amparai

COLOMBO, Nov 7, (Reuters): A battalion of 900 soldiers was moved today into Sri Lanka's eastern Amparai district where two rival Tamil groups fought pitched battles on Sunday, a minister said.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam attacked two camps run by its arch-rival the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), which controls the ruling council in the northeast.

Wijeratne, who is also deputy defence minister, confirmed that cadres of an illegal army set up by the EPRLF were in the camps at the time of the attack.

Wijeratne visited the camps yesterday and said 33 people had been killed and 16 injured in the



A young Tamil National Army (TNA) sentry cradling an AK-47 at a camp in eastern Sri Lanka. (Reuters wirephoto)

battles. The dead included 26 EPRLF fighters and six Tigers. Earlier reports put the death toll at 50.

Wijeratne said the Tigers captured 140 men and a large haul of modern weapons from the camps.

In Ayodhya Hindu pilgrims, devotees and saints have already started arriving in thousands and sadhus (saints) have taken possession of the piece of land, where the foundation of the temple will be laid.

There has been no obstruction so far to the transportation of sanctified bricks, which have been brought from various parts of India. All the bricks have been stacked at the ashram (Hindu religious place) in the small town.

The state government is holding negotiations with the VHP leaders, persuading them to change the site of the temple, it has also referred other sites for laying of the foundation stone.

Ash Dixit, vice-president of VHP, said the foundation stone of the temple can be anywhere, but neither dimension of temple nor its sanctum would be changed.

Meanwhile, the Babri Masjid Action Committee has reiterated its decision to organise its march to Ayodhya to prevent foundation stone laying ceremony. Defence squads formed by it are also being sneaked into the temple town to prevent the programme.

V.P. Singh and veteran Congress (I) leader Kamalapati Tripathi have decided to reach Ayodhya for making a last ditch effort for amicable solution of the dispute.

In addition to VHP, the two communist parties of India are organising a huge rally on Nov 9 to stall construction of the temple.

## Benazir challenge

KARACHI, Nov 7, (Reuters): Pakistan's parliamentary opposition leader yesterday challenged Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to seek a fresh vote of confidence from the National Assembly (lower house).

"It is her moral duty to get a fresh vote of confidence," Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi told reporters five days after she survived an opposition no-confidence move to topple her 11-month-old minority government.

Benazir won a mandatory confidence vote in the 237-seat assembly last December when President Ghulam Ishaq Khan named her the first woman prime minister of a Muslim nation after her party emerged the largest single group in November elections. Jatoi said Benazir should have sought a fresh confidence vote the day after the no-confidence move failed on Wednesday.

## Gay heads for India

NEW DELHI, Nov 7, (AP): A cyclone that hit Thailand last week, killing at least 200 people, was heading towards the Indian mainland yesterday, reports said.

Press Trust of India, quoting the Indian meteorological department, said the cyclone was located about 900 kms (560 miles) southeast of Visakhapatnam on the eastern Indian coast.

It hit the Indian territory of Andaman and Nicobar islands, 1,325 kms (820 miles) east of the Indian coast, at 6 am (0030 GMT) but no casualty was reported, the news agency said.



THE LOST IDOL



Marcos blessed

A Filipino Roman Catholic priest Teofilo Saccado blesses the portrait of late former Philippine President Marcos during a mass in his Manila residence marking his 40th day death anniversary. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Cory is too weak, activists

OTTAWA, Nov 7, (AP): President Corason Aquino of the Philippines is well-meaning but too weak to end escalating human rights violations in her country, Canadian human rights activists said yesterday.

They also said that Aquino, who is in Ottawa on the final leg of a four-day visit to Canada, has first-hand knowledge of these abuses.

Her husband Benigno, was assassinated in 1983 in Manila upon his return from exile after opposing former leader Ferdinand Marcos.

But she is powerless in the face of the army and paramilitary groups that have been violating human rights while fighting the Philippines' communist insurgency, said Roger Clark, Canadian secretary-general of Amnesty International.

"She is a courageous woman who has personally experienced some of the problems we're discussing today," said Clark. "Unfortunately power in the Philippines rests elsewhere — primarily in the armed forces. But paramilitary groups seem completely out of the government's control."

Aquino's supporters have asked for more time to clean up a mess she inherited from Marcos when she became president in 1986. But Rev. Robert Smith, a former moderator of the United Church of Canada, called this a cop-out.

"It's a very easy thing to blame everything on the Marcos regime," said Smith. "While Mrs. Aquino herself may very well be beyond reproach, she has not been able to control the other people who have now taken their place at the public trough."

Smith was part of an international fact-finding mission that has recently returned from the Asian Pacific islands. He said paramilitary vigilante squads are terrorising social workers and human rights activists by publishing their names on a hit-list.

These practices existed under Marcos and have not disappeared, said Smith.

Filipino measles epidemic

## Diarrhoea kills 200

DHAKA, Nov 7, (Reuters): A diarrhoea epidemic may have killed as many as 200 villagers in northern Bangladesh where doctors are struggling to save hundreds more who are suffering from the disease.

Health officials said today the disease, caused by contaminated water and adulterated food, was spreading despite dozens of medical teams working round-the-clock in Rangpur district and neighbouring areas.

Officials said on Sunday 100 people had died and nearly 2,000 others were infected. Unofficial sources today said the death toll could be double the official figure.

Several clinics were opened after hospitals ran out of room for diarrhoea patients. Doctors said treatment in remote villages was being delayed by lack of medicines.

At least 90 children have died of

measles in an epidemic that struck tribes in four southern Philippine villages, government officials said today.

Emilio Fado, a southern cultural community official, said the epidemic has killed 60 pre-schoolers from the T'boli and B'laan tribes in mountain villages in Cotabato on Mindanao island, 1,000 km (620 miles) south of Manila, since September.

He said a report received today listed the deaths of another 30 B'laan children in the Cotabato town of Malubog.

Farouk Morambong, a local doctor, said more than 500 children in the villages were being treated for measles. He said poor living conditions and a lack of medicines made treatment of the disease more difficult.

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Adios amigos

The Duchess of York on Monday visited an elementary school for briefing on drug abuse education and then flew to New York on private plane, ending a whirlwind five-day visit to Texas.

The former Sarah Ferguson, wife of Prince Andrew, was greeted at Blackshear Elementary School by some 500 youngsters dressed in red, white and blue who presented her with flowers and sang "Deep in the Heart of Texas". "I just wanted to thank all of you boys and girls for doing the most fantastic performance. You really were very good," the Duchess told the youngsters.

She also was met by Mayor Kathryn Whitman, police

chief Lee Brown and superintendent Joan Raymond. After a briefing on the Houston crackdown programme and the drug abuse resistance education programme, the Duchess observed a dance session led by the officer James L. Byrd.

"There are drug problems in Britain. There are drug problems all over the place, and it's something which is of concern to everybody, certainly of concern to somebody who is a mother," said the British embassy spokesman Frances Cornish.

The students enjoyed her visit and said they would like to visit England. (Reuters wirephoto)

# She's got Bette Davis... ice

NEW YORK, Nov 7, (AP): Actress Bette Davis left her daughters and her two grandsons out of her nearly \$1 million estate, according to a will filed yesterday for probate in Manhattan.

The bulk of the estate is split between her son and a close friend.

Davis, who died of cancer at age 81 in France on Oct 6, had been estranged from

her daughter, Barbara Davis Hyman of Charlottesville, Virginia, since Hyman's 1985 book, "My Mother's Keeper."

Hyman wrote that Davis had been "an abusive, domineering and hateful mother," and "a grotesque alcoholic" largely responsible for her own mistreatment by some of her three husbands.

Davis replied in a 1987 book "This N

## Help pay off church debt Bakker's wife appeals

ORLANDO, Florida, Nov 7, (AP): Tammy Fayc Bakker asked worshippers to help pay off her storefront church's \$400,000 debt and find new quarters for the ministry that's facing eviction from a suburban shopping mall.

The wife of failed evangelist Jim Bakker urged about 100 people at a Sunday service to be "faithful in your tithings," suggesting God is more likely to answer the prayers of those who contribute to their churches.

"That is what God can do for you if you are faithful to him," she said.

Mrs Bakker said next week's services might be held in the rented space in the Shoppers World Mall, even though mall owner Stewart Gilman is demanding she move out.

Sunday night, an angry Gilman threatened legal action.

"I'm disgusted," he said. "You cannot have someone stay in a property indefinitely."

He refused to reveal financial details of the dispute.

Tammy Bakker asked the congregation to help the ministry find a new site to lease — preferably for no more than \$5 per square foot (.09 square metre).

"We are going to try to move out of here as quickly as possible," she said. "But unless you hear differently, we'll be here next Sunday."

Bakker, who was convicted Oct 5 of federal fraud and conspiracy charges for diverting money invested in enterprises connected with his PTL Television Ministry, is serving a 45-year sentence.

## Kitty had Aids Blake smoke lifts

SACRAMENTO, California, Nov 7, (AP): Amanda Blake, who played Miss Kitty in the long-running "Gunsmoke" television series, died of Aids-related complications, not cancer as previously reported, her doctor said.

Blake did have throat cancer, but "that wasn't the reason that she died," Dr. Lou Nishimura, a Sacramento internist, said yesterday.

After Blake died Aug 16, at Mercy General Hospital in

Sacramento, a statement composed by the hospital and the actress' friends reported her death as the result of her long battle with cancer.

Blake, 60, had Aids symptoms for about a year, said Nishimura. He said he didn't know how she contracted the disease.

Blake's fifth husband, Mark Spaeth, an Austin, Texas, city councilman and developer, died of pneumonia in 1985 at age 45. They married in April 1984, and divorced a short time later.

### PEOPLE AND PLACES

FORT COLLINS, Colorado: Seventeen people who received letters telling them they had won a free dinner and lottery tickets were arrested on outstanding warrants when they showed up to claim their prize.

"They were shocked, they were stunned," said Michael Goodwin, of the Fort Collins police department's selective enforcement unit. "They weren't believing it because this looked so real."

The 17 were among 575 people wanted on outstanding warrants. The letters said the recipients had won a dinner for two at a fictional restaurant and 50 lottery tickets.

The "winners" were told to collect their prizes Saturday at the Western marketing research office. When they arrived, they were greeted by a secretary who said the letters had to be verified.

"When the warrant was verified I said, 'good, we're in business. Come on back, we've got a couple of papers to sign and we'll have you out of here in a couple of minutes,' which was the truth," said police officer Terry Seal.

Ten were arrested on outstanding warrants and the other seven were released on their own recognizance.

NEW YORK: Katharine Hepburn says 80 Wednesday, but the actress does not plan to celebrate.

"Who cares about my birthday?" she said in an interview published Sunday in the newspaper The Daily News. "I don't, as long as I can get around and think straight."

The star of The African Queen and On Golden Pond said she has plenty to do. "There are 20 million books I haven't read, 20 million walks I haven't taken," Hepburn said. "And 20 million parts I haven't played, if I can find them."

Hepburn said she starts her day with an icy shower at 6 am dips in her garden on hand and knees, and picks up garbage from the street in front of her Manhattan Brownstone.

She pooh-poohed thoughts of death and what may come after.

"It's not my business to worry about heaven and hell," the actress said. "It could be dead tomorrow."

"Death will be a great relief," Hepburn said. "No more interviews." (AP)

SOUTH BEND, Indiana: Edward J. Stary was a college track teammate of Kasey Kahne before Rockne became a sports legend, and the oldest living alumnus of the University of Notre Dame recalls he ran faster than Rockne.

"He could beat me in pole vaulting," admits Stary, who at age 100 is also the only member of the Notre Dame alumni association's 75-year club.

Stary, who lives in Oklahoma, was cheered by 39,000 fans at the Notre Dame-Navy football game Saturday in a ceremony honouring him as the university's oldest.

Stary recalled a much stricter university, where students obeyed

## All clear, Dalkon to settle claims

WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (AP): The Supreme Court yesterday removed the last major hurdle to carrying out a \$2.5 billion settlement for victims of the Dalkon shield birth-control device.

The highest US court, over one dissenting vote, rejected a challenge by some 650 of the thousands of women likely to share in a trust fund established by A H Robbins Co., manufacturer of the intrauterine device.

Justice Byron White voted to hear arguments in the case but four votes are needed to grant such review.

Marketed in the early 1970s, the device allegedly caused infertility, spontaneous abortions, pelvic inflammation or, in some cases, death.

Dalkon shield sales ended in 1974 but the product was not actually recalled until 1984. A H Robbins, based in Richmond, Virginia, created the trust fund as part of its 1985 reorganization under federal bankruptcy law.

The reorganization was sparked by thousands of lawsuits by women who had used the device.

The challenge acted yesterday contended that the settlement wrongly bars future lawsuits against A H Robbins officials and others, and that \$2.5 billion may not be enough money to compensate all victims.

Lawyers representing about 18,000 women who are to share in the settlement urged the justices to reject the challenge.

"Greater than the risk of a shortfall in the immediate risk — a near certainty — that if the plan of reorganization is disapproved or even delayed ... the plan will collapse," those lawyers said.

The justices also turned down yesterday an appeal challenging that portion of the settlement barring individual lawsuits against A H Robbins' insurer, Actua Casualty and Surety Co.

Under the bankruptcy reorganization plan, American Home Products Corp., a New York-based business, has agreed to buy A H Robbins and fund the trust.

A H Robbins stockholders will receive \$700 million worth of American Home stock — making the acquisition price \$3.2 billion.

But American Home Products' conditional commitment to purchase A H Robbins extends only to Dec 31.

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## To jail with cucumber

LONDON, Nov 7, (AP): A robber whose cucumber "gun" fooled cashiers into handing over more than £12,000 (\$18,840) was sentenced yesterday to seven years in prison.

Ernest Coveley, 37, wrapped the vegetable in plastic bag and waved it like a sawed-off shotgun at cashiers in mortgage-lending institutions known as Building Societies, a court was told. On two occasions, when he was unable to afford the price of a cucumber, he used an iron bar.

Defence lawyer Stephen Pownall said Coveley used a cucumber because it was the most innocuous thing he could think of.

But circuit judge Edwin told Coveley he frightened his victims.

"They were put in great fear, not to say terror by you," the judge said.

"I have no doubt you used the cucumber so that if you were caught later in the street you would be able to point to the vegetable and deny any responsibility."

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## Dealer: mayor got crack

WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (AP): A Virgin Islands man convicted of drug dealing has told a US judge that he gave crack cocaine to Washington Mayor Marion Barry on repeated occasions last December.

Charles Lewis, 49, testified under oath yesterday in US district court that he gave Barry cocaine at least three times while Barry visited Lewis' room at a downtown Washington hotel.

Despite many press accounts of investigations against the mayor, Lewis was the first on-the-record, under-oath accusation that Barry, the city's mayor for 10 years, had been given drugs.

The federal investigation began when city police called off an attempt to make an undercover drug buy from Lewis on discovering that the mayor was in Lewis hotel room.

Barry has acknowledged making at least six visits to Lewis' hotel during that period, but has steadfastly denied using, seeing or purchasing drugs during those trips.

The mayor refused yesterday to comment on the allegations by Lewis, whom he has described as an old friend. However, R. Kenneth Mundy, the mayor's lawyer, scoffed at the defendant's comments.

"We question the credibility of the source," Mundy said. "Charles Lewis is a besieged and beleaguered man who knows that his only salvation comes by not giving truthful statements about the mayor."

Lewis' statement came as judge Stanley Sporkin was reviewing a plea bargain calling for Lewis to plead guilty to two counts of cocaine possession and distribution.

Lewis faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a \$2-million fine. He had originally faced a 14-count indictment that included perjury charges and additional counts of cocaine distribution and possession.

# Shultz's proposal to legalise drugs rejected

WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (UPI): President George Bush's spokesman rejected a suggestion yesterday by former Secretary of State George Shultz that drugs be legalised and jokingly said, "he's been on the west coast too long."

"Clearly, we do not believe that drugs should be legalised," said White

House Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater. "The President feels very strongly that (legalisation) is the wrong direction, the wrong time."

Federal drug policy director William Bennett, who has maintained that legalisation would amount to a surrender, said of Shultz's recommendation: "I think it stinks."

"He is trashing a (drug) policy that he used to serve" while secretary of state in the Reagan administration, Bennett said. "There's not a lot to admire."

Shultz, in an Oct 7 address at Stanford University Business School, where he is now on the faculty, expressed fear Bush's war on drugs, like previous such offensives, would likely fail.

Shultz said while he welcomed increased efforts by the administration in enforcement, education and treatment, he believes authorities must take the profit motive out of the multi-billion-dollar drug trade.

"We need to at least consider and examine forms of controlled legalisation of drugs," Shultz said, adding, "I

find it very difficult to say that. Sometimes at a reception or cocktail party, I advance these views and people head for somebody else. They don't even want to talk to you."

Shultz's remarks appeared Friday in the Wall Street Journal, and Fitzwater was asked about them yesterday at his daily briefing with reporters.

"He advanced legalising drugs," Fitzwater said incredulously, drawing laughter.

An anti-marijuana citizens group said Monday it had collected enough signatures to force a measure onto the ballot to outlaw the drug in Alaska, the only state where possession is legal.

## US computer break-ins

# Foreign interception feared

WASHINGTON, Nov 7 (Reuters): The United States is worried that other nations are capable of breaking into computer networks to steal government and business secrets, a White House science official said yesterday.

"The proliferation of technology has made technology more available throughout the country but it's also made information more vulnerable to many kinds of intrusive activities," Michelle van Cleave of the White

House office of science and technology policy told Reuters.

She confirmed in general a story published in the industry weekly Defence News that said Washington feared computer break-ins by the Soviet Union and nations outside the East bloc.

"The ability to steal secrets of data transmission networks is clearly something the US

government is concerned about with respect to protecting national security secrets," she said.

However, she refused to specify which nations were involved in such attempts at computer interception and gave no specific instances.

Van Cleave stressed that private industry must also be wary.



Peruvian association bombed

Communist guerrillas bombed the Lima headquarters of Peru's leading industrial association, then escaped to a public university campus where police said they arrested 80 people.

Most of the arrested were students, they said. Guerrillas of the pro-Cuban Tapac Amaru revolutionary movement tossed two bombs at the local headquarters of the National Society of Industries in the wealthy neighbourhood of San Isidro, then took refuge on the San Marcos University campus, police said. No injuries were

reported.

According to the police, between five and seven guerrillas attacked the headquarters, but they were repelled by private guards who opened fire. The attackers escaped in a stolen station wagon.

Police traced the vehicle to the San Marcos University campus, where they discovered grenades, and handguns in a search and arrested 80 people.

Picture shows Peruvian army troops surrounding San Marcos University. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Contra agrees to talks at UN

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 7, (Agencies): Leaders of Nicaragua's Contra rebels have agreed to meet government representatives this week for their first direct talks in more than a year, according to UN officials.

Nicaragua's UN mission was not able to confirm immediately that Sandinista officials would be meeting with the rebels this Thursday and Friday, the days proposed by the Contras.

Last week, however, when Nicaragua announced it was cancelling a ceasefire with the Contras, it also called for the meeting at UN headquarters this week.

A senior UN official said privately yesterday that the talks this week will include the issues of voluntary disarmament of the Contras, security guarantees for returning rebels, and political reform in Nicaragua.

The Contras are expected to have on reaching the ceasefire as a first step, but they

They will be meeting with the international commission for verification and support, which was set up by the UN and the Organisation of American States to help the Contras disarm and resettle under the Central American peace plan signed last August in Tela, Honduras.

The peace plan says the Contras must be disbanded by Dec 5, but also specifies that their repatriation must be voluntary.

So far, the Contras have shown no inclination to lay down their weapons and return home, although some have gone back to Nicaragua with their weapons.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said infiltrating Contras have killed dozens of people in the country and are trying to disrupt the campaign for national elections, to be held Feb 25.

The US State Department says that about 2,000 Contras have infiltrated Nicaragua in recent weeks from Honduras. About 10,000 Contras remain in Honduras, and 4,000 are in Nicaragua.

Peace talks aimed at ending Nicaragua's eight-year-old civil war will probably go ahead this week after Honduras removed the last obstacle by agreeing to attend the meetings.

In Tegucigalpa, Honduran President Jose Azcona announced last night that his UN ambassador would sit in on the talks as an observer.

But he said in a letter to Ortega that the future of the 10,000 Contras lodged in Honduras was an issue to be resolved among Nicaraguans.

Alvaro de Soto, executive assistant to the UN secretary-general, explained that the joint UN and Organisation of American States (OAS) commission sponsoring the talks, did not have a mandate to include Honduras in the discussions.

Meanwhile in Managua, two men who said they were deserters from the Contra forces said yesterday that the rebels had orders to coerce Nicaraguans to vote for the opposition in elections next February.

Ortega's decision to lift the ceasefire was an apparent attempt to force demobilisation of the Contras.



Supporters carry a poster of socialist candidate Leonel Brizola at a campaign rally on Oct 22. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Collor de Mello holds lead: poll

### Brazil presidential election

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Nov 7, (AP): Long-time front-runner Fernando Collor de Mello holds a slight lead in the race for the Brazilian presidency, according to the latest public opinion poll.

The former governor of the poor northeastern state of Alagoas was the choice of 23 per cent of voters surveyed by the Brazilian Institute of Public Opinion and Statistics.

Conservative businessman and television entertainer Silvio Santos came in second with 18 per cent. He officially announced his candidacy on the tiny Brazilian Municipalist Party ticket a week ago, 15 days before the election.

The balloting will be the first direct vote for president since 1960.

President Jose Sarney became president after a vote by an electoral college strongly influenced by the military dictatorship that ruled the country between 1964 and 1985. He cannot contest the election.

The nation-wide poll, announced yesterday by TV Globo, the country's largest commercial network, was conducted between Nov 2 and 5 and questioned 3,650 people. The network did not announce the margin of error, but the institute's previous

polls have given a figure of 3 per cent.

Leonel Brizola of the Democratic Labour Party, a left-wing populist and former governor of two states, came in third with 14 per cent.

Representative Luis Inacio Lula da Silva of the Socialist Workers Party was chosen by 12 per cent of respondents.

None of the other 18 candidates got more than 7 per cent, and 8 per cent of respondents said they were undecided.

Collor de Mello, a centre-right candidate of the National Reconstruction Party who has led the polls for the past six months, saw his support fall from 28 per cent in the institute's last poll, released in late October before Santos announced his candidacy.

Observers say Collor de Mello will be hurt most by Santos' entry into the race, as both have strong support among the rural poor.

If no candidate wins an absolute majority on Nov 15, a second round between the top two vote-getters will be held Dec 17.

A woman protecting her three-year-old daughter was killed by a 13-year-old boy in a gun battle on Ipanema Beach during a weekend of killings in this violent seaside city.

### Police report

## Hess not killed

LONDON, Nov 7, (AP): The solicitor general said a British policeman's report on the 1987 prison death of Rudolf Hess makes no suggestion that Adolf Hitler's World War II deputy was murdered.

Detective chief superintendent Howard Jones, the policeman heading an official inquiry into Hess' death in Berlin's Spandau Prison, said earlier this year that discrepancies in evidence merited a full criminal investigation.

But Sir Nicholas Lyell told the House of Commons yesterday, "inquiries carried out by (Jones) have produced no cogent evidence to suggest that Rudolf Hess was murdered, nor, in the view of the director of public prosecutions, is there any basis for further investigation."

Hess died on Aug 17, 1987, at age 93. Hess' imprisoners — the governments of the United States and America's three wartime allies, Britain, France and the Soviet Union — ruled that Hess committed suicide by hanging himself from a window latch.

## Wallenberg brothers helped dispose of Nazi gold and jewels: book

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Nov 7, (AP): The powerful Wallenberg brothers, who headed Sweden's largest commercial bank during World War II, helped Nazi Germany dispose of gold and jewels stripped from Jews who were slaughtered in gas chambers, according to a book published yesterday by two Dutch researchers.

Associated with Hitler's regime, the authors also speculated that the close ties the Wallenberg brothers had with the Nazis may explain why their relative, the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, was arrested by Soviet forces when he fled Budapest in 1945.

The book was likely to fuel a heated debate over the role that neutral Sweden played during the war. The debate was revived on the editorial pages of Sweden's largest newspapers by the attention paid to the 50th anniversary of the war's outbreak.

As heads of Stockholm's Enskilda Bank, Marcus and Jacob Wallenberg were the sons of one of Sweden's richest and most influential dynasties. The bank, founded by the family in 1856, played a central role in Sweden's industrialisation and development before and after the war.

Alders and Wiebes, who said they researched the book for 10 years, claimed the Enskilda was among the Swedish and Swiss banks which bought gold, stocks, jewelry and art collections stolen from Jews and other victims of the Nazis.

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# Quake triggered by tidal, atmospheric forces: researchers

LOS ANGELES, Nov 7 (AP) — Some researchers say changes in atmospheric pressure and the tidal pull of the sun and moon may have triggered California's disastrous earthquake, and many scientists call the theory plausible but still unproven.

A few studies have suggested quakes happen more often during very high ocean tides — when solar and lunar

gravity also tug at solid ground and when shifting masses of heavier air create certain high-pressure systems and related winds that press down on and rub against the ground.

The government warned Oct 12 of the highest Pacific tides in years during the week of the Oct 17 quake on the San Andreas fault. The jolt measured 7.1 on the Richter Scale, killed at least 66

people in the San Francisco Bay area, and happened during breezy, warm and dry conditions dubbed "earthquake weather" in California folklore.

Quakes aren't caused by such weather, but might be triggered by the same atmospheric pressure conditions that create warm winds, said meteorologist Jerome Namias, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in

La Jolla.

"Abnormal pressures and wind systems operating on the fault could encourage slipping motion along the San Andreas, which if other conditions were right, would then trigger this quake," said Namias, who headed the national weather service's extended forecast division for 30 years. "It's conceivable the high tide added to this

condition."

"I would say it is at least 90 per cent likely there was some (tidal) influence on the timing of this quake," said astronomer Stephen Kilston, of Lockheed Palo Alto research laboratory.

But many seismologists remain skeptical. "The idea of triggering earthquakes by tidal or atmospheric forces is at least

physically plausible," said seismologist Lucile Jones, of the US geological survey. "The problem is that none of the studies have been very convincing."

Jones and others said statistical analyses failed to convince them correlations between quakes and tidal or atmospheric forces are more than coincidence.

## Quake relief package signed

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 7 (AP) — Governor George Deukmejian today signed a 12-bill earthquake relief package, including a temporary sales tax hike to raise \$800 million.

"We're going to do whatever is necessary to restore the lives and the homes of the people who were victims of this quake," Deukmejian said as he began signing the bills.

As San Francisco mayor Art Agnos and a dozen legislators looked on, Deukmejian signed the relief package after riding a ferry boat across the San Francisco Bay from Oakland.

The Oct 17 quake killed at least 66, injured 3,000 and did an estimated 7 billion dollars in damage in northern California. The levy, intended to raise 800 million, would take effect Dec 1.

State and federal aid, the Republican governor said, "should provide the necessary resources in order to restore some semblance of normalcy in the Bay area."

Some legislators of both parties criticized the plan, which raises the sales tax to as much as 7 cents on the dollar, depending on local rates. Deukmejian also plans to tap the state reserve for \$200 million.

Some lawmakers insisted the cost of the earthquake repairs will be much higher than the total \$4.25 billion in approved federal aid and state funds.

The tax hike, opposed by most Republicans in the assembly, passed the Lower House Saturday with two votes to spare. It passed the senate by 34-2.

In other quake developments: ■ Engineers plan to create earthquake conditions on a section of Oakland's Interstate 880 with hydraulic jacks and a massive spinning device in an experiment to help freeway designers learn to protect highways from quakes.

## Report on Pan Am made public

'Don't stop the suitcase, let it go'

WASHINGTON, Nov 7 (AP) — With a CIA officer-turned-author at his side, an Ohio Congressman yesterday made public part of an insurance investigator's report alleging that West German intelligence tipped the CIA to a possible bomb aboard Pan Am Flight 103.

The excerpts recount how an agent watching baggage handlers an hour before the flight singled out one suspicious suitcase and reported "something was very wrong."

West German intelligence passed on the concern to a CIA unit in Frankfurt, which relayed it to an unidentified "control," says the excerpt released by Congressman James Traficant.

"Control replied: 'Don't worry about it, don't stop it, let it go,'" the report alleges.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield, who last week called the report "nonsense," said yesterday, "it's still nonsense."



Marina Picasso's residence in Cannes. (Reuters wirephoto)

Flight 103 blew up last December over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground. Pan Am has been sued for more than \$300 million by families of the victims.

In court documents filed last week, the airline said it is trying to show the US got warnings from West German and Israeli intelligence.

Administration officials yesterday categorically denied that they were tipped off by any foreign intelligence agency about the bombing.

Rosemary Wolfe of Alexandria, Virginia, whose stepdaughter Miriam died on Flight 103, said she didn't know whether to believe the allegations but "I think we're getting closer to the answers."

Traficant handed out five of 27 pages of a report which he said shows connections between the bombing and trans-Atlantic heroin shipment, hostage rescue efforts, terrorists and spies.

Traficant said he got the report from former CIA employee Victor Marchetti, who appeared with the Ohio Democrat at the Capitol Hill news conference.

"I know the intelligence officers who prepared this report," Marchetti said. "I believe it essentially is accurate."

"My gut instinct is, the CIA is very defensive and that they know a hell of a lot more than they're telling us," said Traficant.

The other 22 pages were withheld as a courtesy, pending a meeting with Pan Am's lawyer, Traficant said.

Pan Am already has subpoenaed documents relating to one of the people mentioned prominently in the report: Monzer Al Kassir, who is characterized as having connections with both the terrorist bombers and the CIA.

According to Traficant, the report compiled by US and foreign investigators says Al Kassir was shipping heroin from Frankfurt to New York and the CIA allowed the drugs to move freely in exchange of contacts that might lead to the release of American hostages.

Traficant said the report concluded that terrorists, on the orders of Ahmed Jibril of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, put the bomb where the package of heroin was supposed to be.

## \$17m art heist

7 Picasso paintings stolen

NICE, France, Nov 7 (AP) — A burglar slipped into a villa owned by the late Spanish grandmaster Pablo Picasso's grand-daughter and stole 13 works of art, including seven Picasso paintings and a Rodin bust police said yesterday.

Marina Picasso was spending the weekend in Megeve when the theft occurred Sunday morning at her 1900s-style Pavillon de Flore in the Basse Californie section of Cannes. Police estimated the value of the theft at 105 million francs, or about \$17 million.

According to investigators, the stolen works included seven paintings by Pablo Picasso, one Brueghel, an Odilon Redon, three lesser-known 19th century works and the Auguste Rodin bust.

Police were extremely tight-lipped about the case and would not identify any of the art works or give details of the burglary.

Maurice Rheims, a Picasso expert who was appointed by the government to help divide up the multimillion-dollar Picasso estate after the painter's death in 1973, said he was familiar with the collection and thought the value estimate was rather low.

"I don't know what the thieves will do with the paintings," Rheims told the Associated Press. "They all have been inventoried, catalogued and photographed many times over. No serious art dealer or collector should touch them. There are rumours that they were stolen only to get the money from the insurance company."

An official at the Picasso museum in Paris, who insisted on anonymity, said the collection had been shown in Munich, West Germany, and Venice, Italy, in 1980, and described it as "impressive."

"If anyone tries to sell them, they're crazy," the official said.

Investigators said they believed the theft was the work of one person working alone. They also noted a number of disturbing coincidences: there was no sign of break in; the sophisticated burglar alarm did not function; none of the five guard dogs kicked up a fuss; one of the two guards was on vacation; and the guard on duty was gone briefly to do shopping.



## National Curriculum In-Service At Gulf English School Institute for Private Education KSCC

Visiting educational consultant Raymond Derricott a senior tutor for In-Service Education at the University of Liverpool, and previously the Director of Education Studies at the University of Liverpool spent one week at the Gulf English School as the guest of the Institute for Private Education.

During his visit he met with senior Primary and Secondary staff to discuss National Curriculum objectives. The National Curriculum was introduced in England in September this year and is a compulsory national programme of education for all children aged five to eighteen years. In addition to ensuring continuity of the education process by the introduction of programmes which specify the skills and content to be taught, it also introduces National Curriculum National assessment tests at 7, 11 and 14 years of age. The overall aim is to improve the effectiveness of teaching in English schools.

After meeting with senior staff Mr Derricott then met teachers at all levels in the school, and through a structured programme of lectures and workshops tackled issues raised. His week culminated with feedback sessions to all concerned. Some of the topics that he covered included — records of achievement, pupil profiles, standard attainment targets, cross curriculum modular approaches to teaching and departmental organisation procedures.

This year schools in England and Wales are implementing several key stage core subjects and attainment targets, in addition to preparing for the implementation of further key stage core subjects in September 1991.

The National Curriculum will ultimately affect the content and administration of GCSE examinations, and this is one reason why our school seeks to keep our staff up to date with current educational thought and practice. It is also important for the future careers of our teachers many of whom will ultimately return to England.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Aids therapy:** A Canadian drug company has patented a blood plasma transfusion treatment for Aids sufferers that researchers say has none of the toxic side effects of AZT, the most commonly used Aids medication.

Montreal-based Medicoorp Inc. was granted a US patent last week for Passive Hyperimmune Therapy (PHT), a process first developed for treatment of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome by Dr Abraham Karpas of Britain's Cambridge University.

The PHT process, still under clinical study, was tested on nine Aids patients in London's St Stephen's Hospital in 1988. After 15 months of treatment, six of the patients showed no trace in their blood of Aids virus, the company says. (Reuters)

**Bardot sued:** Film star Brigitte Bardot is being asked to pay almost \$4,000 compensation for castrating a donkey which got into friendly with her pets, a court heard yesterday.

Owner Jean-Pierre Manivet is suing the animal rights campaigner for 4,500 francs (\$700) in "material" damages and 20,000 francs (\$3,200) in "moral" damages for castrating Charty the donkey.

Bardot, who lives near the southern resort of Saint Tropez, had the animal castrated after it tried to mount her own donkey and an ageing mare. (Reuters)

**Horowitz services:** A viewing will be held in Manhattan prior to a funeral at La Scala in Italy for piano virtuoso Vladimir Horowitz, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

Horowitz died Sunday at 85 of a heart attack at his home in Manhattan. (AP)

**Ireland launches:** Ireland launched a bid

## Woman critical 8-floor fall lady alive

KANSAS CITY, Nov 7 (AP) — A man picked up his wife in a romantic gesture in a hotel, but she fell eight floors onto a restaurant table, police said.

Deborah Schneider, 34, was in critical condition yesterday with two broken legs, a broken pelvis and internal injuries.

Police spokesman Sgt Greg Mills said no charges are being contemplated.

US Army Maj David Schneider, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, had picked up his wife to carry her to their room Saturday night, said Kansas City police officer Al Sauer.

His wife began to fidget, and Schneider tripped and lost his grip near a wooden railing three-foot, seven inches (one-metre) high overlooking the hotel's lobby. Mrs Schneider went over the railing backward and fell 75 feet (23 metres), landing on a table.

"I think that's what saved her life," Sauer said.

yesterday to lure the world's 60 million people of Irish descent to seek out their roots in the land of their ancestors.

Ireland's clan chieftains, direct descendants



Happy couple

A groom carries his bride across Moscow's Red Square under the watchful eye of a 6-storey high portrait of Lenin, on the eve of the traditional Nov 7 military parade. (Reuters wirephoto)

of the aristocratic warriors who once held sway over this tempestuous island, announced plans for rallies around the country in 1990 for 14 clans, from the Brennans to the O'Malleys.

## British gangster marries for second time in jail

LONDON, Nov 7 (AP) — One of Britain's best-known convicted gangsters was married for a second time behind bars yesterday, prison authorities reported.

Gangland killer Ronnie Kray, 56, a diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic, wedded former "kiss-o-gram" girl Kate Howard, 33, in a ceremony at Broadmoor hospital for the criminally insane.

The best man was convicted double-killer Charlie Smith.

Ronnie Kray and his twin brother, Reggie, built up an underworld empire based on protection rackets and other criminal activity in the 1960s.

Posing as respectable businessmen and nightclub owners, they mixed with high-society personalities until they were sentenced to life imprisonment in 1969 for killing gangland rivals.

Yesterday's wedding at Broadmoor, 30 miles (48 kilometres) west of London, was

Kray's second behind bars. He and Elaine Mildner, 29, were married in the top-security hospital in 1985. They divorced after less than three years.

The new Mrs Kray spent 90 minutes with her husband before he was returned to his cell.

"It is a shame Ronnie can't be here but we are obviously in love and I shall be going to see him tomorrow," she told reporters outside the hospital. She did not say how they came to meet.

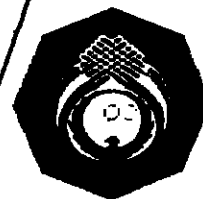
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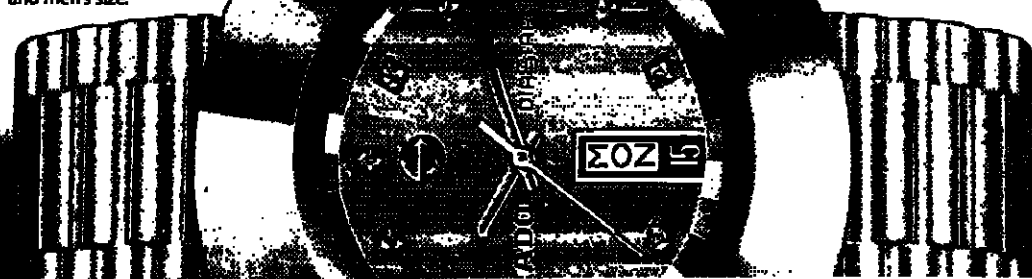
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## INTERNATIONAL

# Namibians voting for independence

## UN monitoring elections

WINDHOEK, Namibia, Nov 7. (AP): Namibians stood in lines up to two kilometres (more than a mile) long today to cast votes in an election designed to bring independence to Africa's last colony.

Authorities reported violations of election rules and at least one attempt to distribute bogus pamphlets, but said there had been no major disturbances at the start of the five-day voting period.

"The behaviour of the voting public has been an example to the rest of the world," said Gerhard Roux, spokesman for the South Africa-installed territorial government. He said reserve poll watchers would be deployed to help cut the more than three-hour wait at some voting stations.

"After all the years of waiting, the people of Namibia themselves, and no one else, will have their say in free and fair elections," UN special representative Martti Ahtisaari said in a radio broadcast as the voting began.

The United Nations is monitoring the election of a 72-member Assembly, which is to meet one week after the results are final and write a constitution for Namibia. The territory, colonized by Germany in 1984 and ruled by South Africa since 1915, is expected to become independent early next year.

Voters will cast ballots for one of 10 parties competing in the election. The percentage of votes each party receives will determine the percentage of seats it will hold in the assembly.

The parties submitted lists of candidates before the election. "Election fever was running high among voters waiting to cast their ballots," said the South-West Africa Broadcasting Corp., which aired last-minute instructions for the 701,483 registered voters.

Sixty per cent of the voters are illiterate.

The South-West Africa People's Organisation, which waged a 23-year guerrilla war against South Africa rule, was favoured to take the most votes. Swapo would have to win a two-thirds majority in the assembly to write a constitution without consulting any of the other nine parties.

"Today we are finally burying apartheid colonialism," Swapo leader Sam Nujoma told reporters at a polling station in Katutura, the main black community on the edge of Windhoek.

"There is a beautiful lady expecting a baby," Nujoma told a rally earlier. "That lady is mother Namibia, and that baby is the freedom and independence of this land."

One line of voters stretched for about two kilometres (1.2 miles) when the polls opened in Katutura. Long lines also were reported elsewhere.

Chief electoral officer Abraham Visser said he was confident results would be available by Nov 15. UN election observers say the counting and verification could last until Nov 17.

UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said Swapo's main rival, the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, had violated the election code by putting up campaign posters at polling stations. He also reported bogus pamphlets bearing Swapo's logo were dropped from a helicopter in northern Namibia, advising Swapo voters not to vote until Thursday or Friday.

But overall, Eckhard said, the United Nations "believes everything is running smoothly."

More than 7,000 UN military and civilian representatives — one for every 1,000 voters — have come to Namibia. They have supervised an intensive campaign to promote voting and prevent fraud.

Posters and television advertisements financed by UN and territorial officials have stressed that ballots will be secret and urged the voters to "vote without fear."

All voters are required to dip their fingers in invisible ink after they cast their ballot. When voters enter the booths at the polling stations they must put their fingers under an ultra-violet light, which will reveal the ink if they already have voted.

Officials said most of this sparsely populated desert territory now is tranquil. But the four-month election campaign was marked by sporadic violence and intimidation, including the Sept 12 assassination of the only ranking white in Swapo, Anton Lubowski.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar noted in his final pre-election report to the Security Council that almost one in 10 Namibians had a gun permit and an unknown number were armed illegally.



Nujoma, with his wife, salutes a crowd of supporters as he enters a polling station outside Windhoek



Namibian voters line up in a coloured township outside Windhoek to cast their votes in independence elections. (Reuters wirephoto)

## S. African police form union

### Lieutenant accuses riot squad members

CAPE TOWN, Nov 7. (AP): A police lieutenant who publicly accused riot squad members of brutality has expanded his crusade against the security establishment by forming a union for police and prison guards.

Although Lt Gregory Rockman's superiors have ordered him not to speak to the press, Rockman invited journalists to a meeting last night at which the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union was launched. Government regulations prohibit security force members from belonging to unions.

Police officials have confirmed that Rockman is the subject of a departmental inquiry and could face disciplinary action for violating orders.

In addition to making unauthorised public statements, he has acknowledged refusing to accept an order to report for border duty, far

from his home town of Mitchell's Plain, near Cape Town.

"I will be very prominent for the next 10 years," Rockman said last night. "If they want me out of the police department, they should kick me out."

Rockman said seven policemen and 21 prison employees already had joined the new union, formed after he was approached by disgruntled guards. Like Rockman, the other members are mixed-race, although he said the union was open to whites and blacks.

He said the members had previously raised complaints about working conditions through normal channels and were dissatisfied with the response.

Rockman came to prominence in September when he accused members of an all-white police riot squad of behaving like "wild dogs"

when they dispersed and beat protesters and bystanders in Mitchell's Plain during a demonstration against the exclusion of blacks from national elections.

Two white officers were charged with assault in connection with the incident. They were acquitted last month, but the judge criticised the behaviour of some of the officers in the riot squad.

Rockman said the new union would seek to ensure that security officers were not exposed to racial discrimination and were able to speak freely. Some prison guards had complained that they were housed in unused cells, he said.

Meanwhile, after six hours of heated debate, the Durban City Council decided to remove signs designating beaches as segregated — but will keep the law in effect.

## Police offers security in polls

TAIPEI, Nov 7. (AP): Police will provide bodyguards and bullet-proof vests to candidates in the December elections because of escalating violence, officials said today.

An electronic warning system also will be installed to link candidates' campaign offices to local police bureaus, said Chen Hsueh-Lien, deputy director of the provincial police administration.

Police said more than 20 candidates island-wide applied today for the protection measures and more such requests are expected before the Dec 2 elections.

The move was taken after Chen Yung-Yuan, an independent candidate from central Taiwan, was shot in the neck by three gunmen outside his campaign office yesterday. The gunmen also fired two shots at a taxi driver who witnessed the incident.

Chen, a 44-year-old gynaecologist running for a legislative seat, was under intensive care for a spine injury, doctors at the Chagwa hospital said. The taxi driver was also hospitalised in serious condition.

Relatives said gangsters had attempted to blackmail Chen, who refused to pay.

Newspapers said many candidates had become blackmail targets because gangsters believe they have surplus funds from campaign war chests. Last week, two candidates sought police protection after they received similar threats.

Also today, legislative candidate Chen Yuan-Chi from the ruling Nationalist Party was stabbed in the feet by four men with knives and truncheons, according to police in Taipei, 300 kilometres (180 miles) south of Taipei.

Several candidates also have reported suspected arson at their campaign offices, but no injuries were reported.



Thai residents of Chumphon find a temporary resting place on an uprooted coconut tree after typhoon Gay hit south-west coast of Thailand. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Gay toll: 500 dead, 100 ships lost

## 35 more rescued

SONGKHLA, Thailand, Nov 7. (Agencies): Fishermen have rescued 35 more people caught in a typhoon that ravaged the Gulf of Thailand four days ago, and 63 more bodies have been found, a Navy report said today.

It was not clear whether any of the dead or rescued were from the US-owned Seacrest drilling ship that overturned early Saturday with 97 crewmembers aboard at the height of typhoon Gay.

According to media reports, some 400 Thai fishermen were still missing and 84 crewmen from the Seacrest also were unaccounted for.

The Navy report said at least 63 fishing boats had gone down in the storm and another nine were missing.

A Navy ship had found 17 bodies in the sea since beginning a search in the Gulf east of Songkhla late Monday, Navy spokesman Capt. Suravut Maharam said. Another 30 were found on an island in Chumphon

province, the report said.

Carol Scott of Unocal, owners of the Seacrest, said company helicopters had found 16 bodies. They were recovered by Unocal boats today she said. Scott said she did not know if any of the 16 were from the Seacrest.

Unocal said divers yesterday recovered a seventh body from within the capsized 5,373-ton drillship. Six survivors have been rescued. The captain went down with the vessel.

A team of investigators from the company's headquarters is studying why the \$15 million ship failed to withstand the high winds and seas and whether it was given adequate warning of the typhoon's approach.

"All I remember is the sound of swirling wind. The darkness, the rain, the waves. And every now and then, the screams for help," Cahit Duangpakdee, one of the six survivors, told the English-language Bangkok Post.

The Thai kitchen hand said the

Seacrest was buffeted by huge waves and an alarm went off to abandon ship. He grabbed a lifejacket, jumped into the sea along with other crewmembers and managed to secure himself with rope inside a lifeboat.

The toll from typhoon Gay mounted today with officials reporting more than 500 sailors and 100 ships lost at sea.

A total of 101 fishing boats were confirmed sunk with 30 others missing from the typhoon.

A report issued by the Thai Fisheries Department, however, said 97 fishing boats were sunk and 443 fishermen were missing and feared dead.

Sucharn Pongnua, governor of Chumphon, the hardest hit province in southern Thailand, said at least another 71 people were killed in villages battered by the storm.

Sucharn said thousands of homes were destroyed by the typhoon that packed winds exceeding 75 mph (120 kph).

## 'Skunks' attacked at climate summit

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, Nov 7. (Reuters): Environmentalists at a 72-nation conference attacked the United States, Japan and Britain today for sabotaging an accord to reduce the emission of gases that threaten to destroy the world's climate.

"These three are the skunks at the garden party," Daniel Becker of the US environmental group Sierra Club told Reuters.

"No one is committed to do anything. You must conclude the conference is a failure," he said. The Netherlands organised the two-day meeting in the resort of Noordwijk to tackle the problem of global warming.

It hoped the conference would approve a declaration setting the year 2000 as the target for stabilising the emission of carbon dioxide and other gases that trap the sun's heat near the Earth. The declaration sought a 20 per cent reduction by 2005.

Some of the world's worst polluters refused to commit themselves to a timetable to reduce their dangerous gases.

The United States — which pours out more carbon dioxide than any other country — Japan, and, to a lesser extent, Britain and the Soviet Union also balked at the idea of setting clear ceilings on the level of emissions.

The compromise document under discussion today says all industrialised countries recognise the need to freeze emissions "as soon as possible." But it does not commit them to any specific action or a time limit.

"The European countries have knuckled under. The conference came so close to making a decisive step forward, but in the end the attempt at consensus has delayed measures by at least another year," Becker said.

The United States objected to a tougher declaration on grounds that it was not sure it could achieve a freeze by the year 2000.

Japan insisted it was already doing more than any other country to reduce its emissions of carbon dioxide.

Britain and the Soviet Union were reluctant to commit themselves to keeping down carbon dioxide emissions, which come mostly from burning fossil fuel. They argued there was little scientific evidence on how far the emissions should be curbed.

The Americans proposed that countries wait for the recommendations of the UN-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) before taking concrete action. The report is expected next year.

Bert Bolin, IPCC chairman, said the compromise under discussion would be worse than useless.

Experts forecast that if "greenhouse" gases grow at current rates, the Earth's surface temperature will rise by 1.5 to 4.5 degrees centigrade (3.0 to 8.0 degrees Fahrenheit) in 40 years — a faster rate than at the end of the last ice age.

Farming areas would turn to desert and entire countries could be flooded as melting polar ice caused the sea to rise.

World population growth must be limited to levels that both the economy and the environment can sustain, a UN expert told an international conference yesterday.

"By the end of this century more than 950 million people will be added to the population and 90 per cent of these will be in the developing countries — those who are least able to deal with it," said Nafis Sadik, executive director of the United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA).

## Charles, Diana cheer HK

### Royal reception

HONG KONG, Nov 7. (Reuters): Chinese lion dancers, a 21-gun salute and hundreds of schoolchildren greeted Prince Charles and Princess Diana when they arrived in Hong Kong today for a three-day official visit.

The lights of Victoria Harbour provided a glittering backdrop for the start of the visit, during which the royal couple will be faced with the daunting task of symbolising British colonial rule while trying to soothe local anxieties over the future of Hong Kong under Chinese control.

It may be the last visit by British royalty to Hong Kong before the colony is handed back to China in 1997.

The mood of the Chinese population is gloomy as people contemplate life under a government that brutally crushed pro-democracy student protests in June.

Like millions of visitors before them, Charles and Diana were treated to a breathtaking view of the colony as their British air force jet came in to land at Kai Tak airport, whose runway juts into the harbour.

The couple stepped aboard the Hong Kong governor's launch for the trip across the harbour to the city hall, where they were entertained by troupes of lion dancers and 600 schoolchildren, some dressed as flowers and bees.

Diplomatic protocol will prevent Charles from meeting Vietnamese boat people, who are on the verge of revolt as Britain finalises plans to send them home forcibly from overcrowded camps in the territory.

About 56,000 boat people are languishing in Hong Kong in squalid camps that are rife with disease and violence.

Charles is likely to hear some blunt criticism about London's treatment of Hong Kong's 5.6 million people, who were never formally consulted about their future and who are now demanding the right to live in Britain.

Only a handful of Hong Kong's citizens have the right to live in Britain.

Political activists have criticised the visit as inappropriate at a time when many residents feel betrayed by Britain, which has ruled the colony since 1942 when it was a base for British drug-runners.

Andrew Toh, secretary-general of the Hong Kong Federation of Students, said: "We don't think that the government should spend so much money for the whole of society to welcome the symbols of colonialism."

The royal couple left the city hall for a civic reception in the headquarters of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, a symbol of British financial power in the staunchly capitalist territory.

## Kim meets with Deng

BEIJING, Nov 7. (UPI): North Korean President Kim Il-Sung met today with senior leader Deng Xiaoping and expressed concern over South Korea's improved relations with Warsaw Pact countries, and Kim reportedly wants to meet in China with former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

While government authorities have shrouded Kim's visit in secrecy, Japan's Kyodo News Service reported that Kim wants to meet with Kissinger in an effort "to help break the impasse in US-North Korea relations."

## Nixon briefs Bush on China: No policy change, says White House

WASHINGTON, Nov 7. (Reuters): President George Bush heard former president Richard Nixon report on China at a personal White House briefing yesterday and has decided the time is not ripe for a diplomatic reconciliation with Beijing, a Bush spokesman said.

Nixon, who resigned the presidency in August 1974 under threat of impeachment in the Watergate scandal, briefed Bush during a two-hour White House dinner on talks he had last week with Chinese leaders.

Bush suspended US military sales to China and barred high-level diplomatic contacts with Beijing officials after the Chinese army crushed pro-democracy demonstrations last June.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said he did not know what recommendations Nixon may have made but the President, who served as US envoy to China in 1974-75, had decided to stand by his freeze policy for the time being.

"President Bush is determined to preserve the relationship with China," Fitzwater said, but he was not yet satisfied the Chinese communist leadership meant to soften significantly its opposition to dissent and calls for democratic reform.

"At this point we have not determined the time is right to make dramatic changes," Fitzwater said.

Nixon, who restored US diplomatic ties to China in what is regarded as one of the triumphs of his flawed presidency, concluded a five-day personal

visit to China last week. He said the US will liberalise its current hard-line policies and continue the open-door economic modernisation programme begun 10 years ago.

He told a seminar on "the future of Asia-Pacific economic relations" in Hong Kong that ties between the United States and China will play a key role in future contacts between America and former arch-enemy Vietnam.

The US ambassador to China today expressed optimism about long-term prospects for the Chinese economy but noted that development efforts could easily derail.

"Far from facing the problems of chronic shortages of consumer goods as in the Soviet Union, or

hyper-inflation as experienced in some developing countries, the Chinese economy remains fundamentally strong," US Ambassador James Lilley said.

Chinese police have arrested 10 people in the southern province of Guizhou and charged them with trying to overthrow the Communist Party, an official daily said today.

China's Academy of Sciences has decided to dismiss, from his post as research fellow, Fang Lizhi, a prominent dissident who has taken refuge in the US embassy, Beijing radio reported today.

fact-finding visit to China last week. He reportedly told Beijing's leaders their crackdown on dissent had deeply shocked the West and eroded US confidence.



# Radicals challenge Kremlin authority

Marches mark Revolution Day parades

MOSCOW, Nov 7, (AP): About 5,000 people marched through Moscow today the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, in a challenge to Communist Party authority and the official Red Square military parade.

In Moldova, an activist said police beat protesters who forced cancellation of the military part of that southern republic's parade. In the Soviet Arctic, striking miners joined the local celebration displaying banners calling on the government to fulfill its promises of improved living and working conditions.

As President Mikhail Gorbachev and the Soviet leadership stood

atop the Lenin mausoleum reviewing the traditional, but toned-down show of military hardware, demonstrators from a spectrum of unofficial groups took to the streets to protest communist rule, widespread food shortages, pollution, and the secret police.

Gorbachev acknowledged in a television interview from atop the mausoleum that troubles were "hanging like a sword of Damocles over us." But the country had no choice but to continue with his reform programme, he said.

"We must move forward, faster to new forms," said Gorbachev, who

has been criticised by progressives for taking only half-measures. "I think now there is an understanding of this among people, in the society."

Grassroots groups marched in official parades in several Soviet cities last year, but this year's was apparently the first counter-demonstration of any size in Moscow permitted by authorities on Revolution Day.

Yuri Rozhko, a spokesman for the Moldavian People's Front organisation, said in a telephone call from Kishinev, the republic's capital, that police beat people as thousands gathered before dawn near a monument to national hero King Stephen the Great.

More were beaten when police dispersed scores of People's Front supporters on a street a few hours later, he said.

The disturbance led officials to cancel the military part of the parade, but a demonstration of workers went off as scheduled. Following that, Rozhko said, thousands of People's Front supporters marched the parade route with slogans condemning the police and the republic's leadership.

In Moscow, the leaders of the counter-parade steered away from Red Square and the thousands of marchers in the official commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the Great October Revolution that brought the communists to power in Russia.

Hundreds of policemen blocked possible routes to Red Square as the alternative parade proceeded along a permitted path that took them to a city stadium 3 kms (1.75 miles) from Red Square.

So far this year, about 175,000 East Germans—more than 1 per cent of the population—have moved to West Germany by emigrating legally, escaping or failing to return from approved trips abroad. West Germany gives them automatic citizenship and help in starting over.

"Why are so many people still leaving the country?" the trade union newspaper Tribune asked today.

"Apparently the number is not falling with the start of the change and the beginning of the renewal, but rather a regrettable rise," the newspaper said.

It said the party, the state, the government and the trade unions have lost the population's trust and that only immediate action could win the people's confidence in the leadership.

East Germany's pro-democracy activists have promised to continue their street protests for wide-ranging reforms.

A huge rally Saturday in East Berlin, where the crowd was estimated at 1 million, was the largest protest in the communist nation's 40-year history.

About 500,000 people rallied in Leipzig on Monday night, and some 250,000 others took to the streets in at least seven cities.

They demanded free elections and legislation of opposition groups, challenged the leading role of the Communist Party and ridiculed the draft of a new travel law that had been published by the government earlier in the day.

West Germany announced an eight billion-mark (\$4.3 billion) home-building package today to help house thousands of East German refugees.

The four-year plan includes tax incentives to encourage individuals to build houses, Chancellor Minister Rudolf Seiters told West German television.

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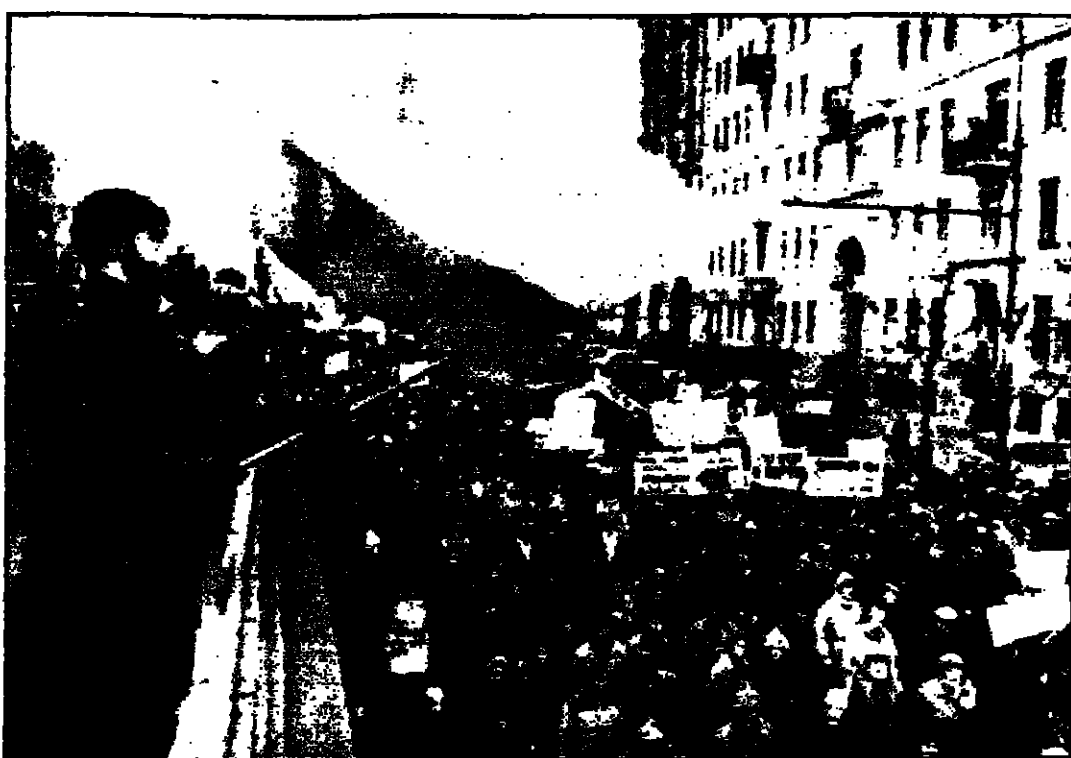
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March of dissent

Banners denouncing Communism rule and black-fringed Soviet flags contrasted with the pomp of the Red Square parade yesterday as 10,000 Muscovites held the first unofficial Revolution Day march since the mid-1920s.

"This is a new wave of democracy," Telman Gdyan, a radical member of the Soviet parliament, told cheering crowds outside the Olympic stadium after a three-hour march across Moscow.

"What kind of pluralism is there in that well-known Red Square when we, on the other side, have no chance to speak?" he asked. "This may be the kind of democracy that suits them but it does not suit us."

The march, organised by Moscow's growing band of

radical political groups, could not have been more of a contrast with the pomp and precision of the official pageant taking place just two miles (three km) away behind solid lines of policemen.

Its staging, with the approval of authorities, appeared further proof not just of the degree of political freedom allowed in the Soviet Union but also of the simmering discontent that glasnost and perestroika have allowed into the open.

It was ignored by Soviet television which confined its extensive live coverage to events in Red Square. Picture shows a demonstrator waves a nationalist flag as thousands demonstrated in Moscow. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Miraculous escape

IRA bombs RUC officer's home

BELFAST, Nov 7, (AP): A bomb damaged the home of a senior police officer early today, but assistant chief constable David Mellor, his wife and two young daughters escaped unharmed, the Royal Ulster Constabulary said.

The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility and, in a statement to Belfast news media, said it had had Mellor's movements under observation for some time.

Police said Mellor had returned from his mother's funeral in England only hours before the bomb exploded below the living room window of his home in Drumbo on the southern outskirts of Belfast.

Mellor's 7-month-old daughter

Rebecca, asleep in a cot in the living room at the back of the house, was showered with debris, a police spokesman said. His 18-month-old daughter Rachel was asleep in an adjoining bedroom.

"Both infants were only six to eight feet (2 to 2.5 metres) from the bomb when it went off," the spokesman said, speaking anonymously in keeping with British custom.

"They had a miraculous escape. The bomb exploded at the base of a wall below the drawing room window causing extensive damage."

Mellor had just left the living room when the bomb exploded under the bulletproof window, inches (centimetres) behind an armchair where he had been reading. His wife was in another room.

The IRA said the bomb contained 3 pounds (1.4 kgs) of explosives.

"We deliberately placed a small charge only, because we were aware of the young children in the house," it said in the statement. "Otherwise we could undoubtedly have guaranteed Mellor's death with a larger charge."

The English-born Mellor, 49, is in charge of the Royal Ulster Constabulary's complaints and discipline branch. He is scheduled to take over as deputy chief constable of South Wales later this month.

## Papa's rival gets the call

ATHENS, Nov 7, (AP): Conservative leader Constantine Mitsotakis received a mandate today to try to form a new government but party officials said he faced a hard time.

Mitsotakis, whose New Democracy Party won the most parliamentary seats in Sunday's elections but just missed a majority, got the exploratory mandate from President Christos Sartzetakis.

Mitsotakis has until Friday to drum up enough support to convince the President to let him go before Parliament with the proposed government for a vote of confidence.

"In three days I will return to the President and inform him of the results of my efforts," Mitsotakis told a news conference.

New Democracy beat Andreas Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Movement or Pasok in national elections for the second time in five months. However, it failed to win the 151 seats necessary for a parliamentary majority.

Papandreu, who governed Greece from 1981 to the June elections, will be given a chance to form a government if Mitsotakis fails. The former premier has 128 seats in the 300-seat, unicameral parliament, compared to New Democracy's 148.

The third-largest party, the communist-led coalition of the left and progress, has said it will not give the conservatives or the socialists its 21 seats.

Three independents were also elected.

New Democracy officials said they expected Mitsotakis to have a tough time gathering enough support for a government, especially since one of the independents was allied with the leftist parties.

Mitsotakis said he will not enter any alliance which will force his party to water down its programme to revive the economy and seek closer US ties.

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## Time to act on East Europe: Carter

Challenge thrown to Bush to respond decisively

WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (AP): Former president Jimmy Carter has challenged President George Bush to respond decisively to the rise of democratic movements in Eastern Europe.

"We have got to get our act together," Carter said yesterday.

The former president also challenged Bush to more closely engage the United States in the pursuit of peace in the Middle East, saying the President must make it clear he intends to pursue a peace agreement with all of its will and vigour and will not withdraw until it is achieved.

Carter told an audience here that there is "substantial proof" Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is producing irreversible change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and said the response of the Bush administration "doesn't match what Gorbachev is doing."

In a strongly worded criticism of a kind he has rarely made since leaving office in 1981, Carter said that only the United States can provide a response worthy of the changes Gorbachev has wrought.

"The spokesman for the Western world has got to be the president of the United States,"

Carter said. "I think we need to be able to respond to Gorbachev because he is winning a tremendous propaganda victory in all of the many countries I have visited.... We have got to get our act together."

Carter, who is in Washington for a reunion of the people who staffed his presidential campaigns and administration, was joined at a seminar by former vice-president Walter F. Mondale, who said the slowness of the Bush administration to respond to events is being felt among those in Eastern Europe struggling for democracy.



## Post office reshuffle to upgrade performance

### Sorting process causing mail delay

THE Minister of Communications, Abdullah Al Sharhan, has said that the administrative development process undertaken by the ministry was being directed by well qualified staff.

He told a local daily that the reshuffle of post office department officials was part of the administrative development scheme and that qualified youth in the ministry were keen to assume leading posts and

fulfil the ministry's objectives. These posts would be filled by those who appreciated responsibility, and also had the necessary knowledge and experience to make successful administrators.

#### Delays

He said that the reason for reshuffling the post office department was to regain public trust in the postal service, develop

this service sector, and upgrade performance at various levels.

He said that delay in the mail service, whether domestic or external, was caused by a delay in the mail sorting process, and efforts were being exerted to regulate this sphere at the domestic level.

As to the external service, he added that mail coming from certain countries

abroad had different mailing addresses and followed different routing systems, and consequently did not match the automatic equipment used by the ministry to sort out incoming foreign mail.

He added that mail, coming from more advanced countries met the requirements of Kuwait's automatic sorting equipment and consequently no delay took place in mail sorting and delivery.

## Business college to enjoy top priority

THE Dean of the Commerce, Economy and Political Sciences College at Kuwait University, Dr Khaled Al Saad, said that establishing the Business Administration College takes top priority this year.

He added that the college will resume accepting students at the beginning of the next academic year.

He emphasised that graduates will not have any difficulties in finding a job, adding that some graduates seek only specific jobs resulting in their long-term unemployment. He said the college intends to teach half of the academic courses in English.

He said that establishing a private university required an accurate study. The number of Kuwaiti professors at the college was constantly increasing and now formed 40 per cent of the teaching staff at the Commerce College, he added.

Dr Saad confirmed that the new Commerce College building in Shuwaik will be completed in time for the 1992 academic year, adding that the college along with all its sections and branches will move to the new location.

Regarding preparations for the new academic year, he said the college had carried out a comprehensive maintenance operation to re-enforce the college building during the summer vacation. He added that all repairs had been completed. Only simple works remained and these would not affect classes. He said that all study halls were ready and air-conditioned and the college library building had been completely organised.

#### Demand

The college opened new divisions and courses for subjects highly demanded by students, he said.

In addition to students enrolled at the Commerce College, the college provided services to students from other colleges.

On average there are 45 students at each division from all colleges.

Dr Saad said that the college suffered from a shortage of teachers due to the difficulties encountered in hiring new teachers with high qualifications.

He indicated that the decision to hire graduates from scientific branches on the third grade will encourage more students to join scientific departments.

He said that professors were not infallible and that students did not follow up their complaints.

He stated that the college will offer a masters programme in business administration and a diploma in general administration from the next academic year.

On the issue of Arabisation at Kuwait University, Dr Saad said that Arabisation was required but, English would continue to be essential and important for students, particularly because Kuwait is a commercial and monetary country which deals with most countries world-wide.



A damaged car stuck in a sand pile.

## Sand piles, cracks and reckless youth

# Outlying roads may pose driving hazards

THE state of remote roads and the services provided along these roads was an important matter in the public interest according to a local daily, which sent staff to tour the roads leading and passing through Shuaiba, Wafra, Khiran and Nuwaiseeb areas to report on the services required to these roads.

Main roads leading to Fahaeel until the Nuwaiseeb border centre are very wide. Motorists could drive through Safar Express road or the road which at the end leads to an intersection point with the express road. The road then goes to the Kuwait-Saudi border.

The road shows official concern towards future plans to expand these roads but the road is at some points full of small holes and ditches which may affect traffic. A motorist hoped the authorities would close these holes and repair the ditches.

#### Cracks

He added that heat has created many cracks in the ordinary road which leads to Nuwaiseeb border centre, making the surface a rough one for automobile tyres.

On the other hand, some youth misused the road by pouring oil on the surface and reckless racing with other youths particularly during the late night hours, he said.

He added that many youths found the road a good place for reckless driving and holding races due to its

remote location and the small number of passing vehicles and patrol cars.

Another driver said that the nature of land along the sides of the road, resulted in the scarcity of agriculture.

He added that this caused dust and sand storms which would cover the road with sand particularly during summer. He pointed out that sand on the road made it slippery and caused many tragic traffic accidents.

He blamed Kuwait Municipality for not removing the sand piles from the road particularly during summer. He stated that agriculture would form a fixing factor for sand and add beauty to the landscape.

Regarding services on these roads, a driver indicated that on many occasions motorists may face some technical problems with their cars and distance made it hard for them to reach a garage. He added that it was therefore important to establish car repair shops along these roads.

One of the excellent services provided for motorists along remote roads was the telephone service. Drivers could easily use telephones placed along the side of the road in case of emergency.

In addition, the Nuwaiseeb rest area, petrol stations and fire fighting centres provided travellers with satisfactory services.

## Slaughterhouses adequate: Inizi

THE director of administrative affairs at the Kuwait Slaughterhouses Dept, Unis Al Inizi, has said that the existing slaughterhouses in the country could adequately cater to the country's requirements for several years and that there would be no need to set up a central slaughtering facility.

He said that the existing abattoirs handled 3,000 heads on a daily basis, about 300 brought in by the public and the rest by various butchery shops.

#### Working hours

He said that the daily slaughtering rate at the Central Slaughterhouse reached 4,000 heads, processed in three different stages and in three different slaughtering halls, of which one was allocated for butchering cows.

He said the Fahaeel abattoir had been expanded recently and the one in Wafra offered camel

slaughtering services, with about 55 camels slaughtered monthly.

The working hours kept by the Central Slaughterhouse allowed clients to select a time suiting their schedules, the slaughterhouse opened at 6 am and closed at 7 pm, Inizi said.

He added that the sanitary network currently under implementation would enable the slaughterhouse to get rid of offal without jeopardising the marine environment.

He said the butchers working at the house were provided through contractors and were checked for compliance with hygienic stipulations by inspectors from Kuwait Municipality.

He also said that the slaughterhouse charged KD1 for butchering one animal, and the increased charge during Eid and religious ceremonies up to KD 3 per head was intended to attract butchers to work for the slaughterhouse

during peak work period and to reduce the number of butchers who performed their services out on the streets and left the remnants behind.

#### Checks

Inizi said that a group of commissioned veterinarians would regularly visit the slaughterhouse, and that sometimes health inspectors would attend the slaughtering operations to ensure that the meat was free from any infections and consequently would not pose any health risks to consumers.

He added that the total number of animals slaughtered by the house in January was 2099001, which included cows, sheep, goats, oxen and camels.

In February 164730 were slaughtered in March 181868, in April 214446, in May 166691, in June 151000, in July 141983, and 1588860 in August.



#### Gulf Bank seminar

The Gulf Bank KSC held its Intermediate Credit Seminar, at the Kuwait International Hotel. The seminar was inaugurated on October 26, 1989 by Mr Mohammed Al Sait, general manager Domestic Banking Group (centre). The course is being conducted by the bank's Credit and Review team headed by Mr Ted Fenner (on left of Mr Sait) and comprising Mrs Amira Hafez, Mr Imad Salih and Mr Tasfeen Niaz (inset). Others in the photograph are Mr Faisal Al Mairouk and Mr Mehta of the bank's Human Resources Development.

## Kuwaitis propose new order for info

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 7, (Kuna): Kuwait has urged the United Nations to help protect developing countries from biased information.

"There is a monopoly of information sources and the means of dissemination," Kuwaiti delegate Gamal M. Al Ghoneim told the special political committee which opened debate yesterday on questions of information.

Ghoneim said Kuwait supported the establishment of a new world information and communication order which he said would contribute to a closer understanding among people.

The UN and the specialised agencies, Unesco in particular, should play a cardinal role in enabling the developing countries to benefit from modern techniques and materials.

He expressed hope that the UN, through its Department of Public Information, would continue to focus attention on disseminating information on the Middle East, and that it would also continue its work with the pool of non-aligned news agencies.

He welcomed Unesco's role in trying to strengthen the basic communications services of the developing countries and said information has a major role in consolidating international peace and justice, and in narrowing the gap between rich and poor countries.

## NCCAL signs accords with Algeria and South Yemen

KUWAIT, Nov 7, (Kuna): Kuwait and each of Algeria and Democratic Yemen today signed here two accords on cultural and scientific exchange.

In separate ceremonies held at premises of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, an executive programme for cultural exchange was signed by Secretary General Dr. Farouq Al Omar and by the Algerian Ambassador here Mohammed Qadri in the presence of senior officials of the council and the Algerian Embassy staff.

The programme, to cover the years 1989 to 1991, calls for the exchange of scholarships, lecturers, researchers apart from co-operation in the media and sports fields.

Omar and the Algerian envoy lauded in speeches exchanged during the ceremony the strong and historical ties between Kuwait and Algeria as well as Algeria's efforts to Arabise the teaching medium and spread the language among its population.

Another executive programme on cultural and scientific exchange was later signed by Omar and the Ambassador of Democratic Yemen in Kuwait, Awad Salem Baabab.

The programme regulates exchange between the two countries in the field of education, and exchange of visits.

## Marine fraud victimising merchants and importers

### Precautions to preserve transportation

By Khaled Ahmed

EFFECTIVE action and measures are needed to protect commercial activities in the area and to provide an adequate atmosphere for the development and prosperity of the shipping industry which is considered to be the backbone of Kuwait's economy.

The health of the shipping industry is also an accurate yardstick by which to measure the activity and effectiveness of the economic movement in general.

High commercial and shipping sources told Al Seyassah about the current pressing duties required of officials at shipping companies, banks, insurance companies and commercial establishments, including exporters and importers because of the spread of marine fraud and exploitation that has victimised merchants and importers.

Legal experts said the problem lay in shipping goods and commodities aboard vessels belonging to companies suffering from organisational, legal and financial problems. Some of these companies may even be unidentified regarding ownership and have no liability.

Marine experts said small and temporary profits, represented by a reduction in shipping charges compared with fee levels quoted by marine companies, would lead to huge losses as a result of which shipments might not arrive at destinations. In some cases, ships were seized due to financial problems or might disappear after changing the title

of ownership.

A number of specialists stressed the importance of taking precautions in dealing with marine shippers. They stated that it was important to ship goods and commodities aboard organised and well-known lines, even if it meant sacrificing some dollars in order to preserve property and money and to ensure that goods arrived in due time.

#### Backbone

A marine source said that the Gulf shipping industry was considered one of the most important industries and described it as the backbone of economy. Therefore, efforts should be made to protect this industry and develop it for the sake of the area. He added that Arab and Gulf marine companies were keen to provide their services in order to boost the area's commerce. He said that these companies were successful in the most difficult circumstances.

He said the growth of marine fraud, particularly in the area, was because several companies had stopped services to the area's ports during the Iraq-Iran war which lasted eight years. He said that these companies considered the routes to be uneconomical.

On the other hand, Arab and Gulf marine companies continued in serving ports in the area despite dangers.

With the return of stability and peace, several marine companies started to serve Arabian Gulf ports and lines. Some new shippers with dubious financial and legal

capabilities appeared in the market after the war. Some of the companies even had unidentified ownership and small capitals.

He said that with the use of this type of company there were likely to be delays or cases where shipments failed to arrive at ports.

#### Reliability

He said that national and regional ships and fleets were able to cope with the growing demands on shipping for different types of cargoes. He said the management of many lines were highly qualified and provided organised services.

The source added that there were small differences in prices, adding that it was important to comprehend the danger surrounding deals with smaller companies.

He stressed the importance of shipping goods on reliable and highly trusted lines.

He called upon concerned authorities to preserve the safety of shipments, adding that merchants, commercial and industrial chambers in addition to banks and insurance companies played an important role in protecting the area's commerce and facing marine fraud.

Marine and commercial sources and Gulf Chambers Unions have recently warned against dealing with new marine shipping companies. They stressed that five marine fraud cases had occurred during the past six months.

Sources estimated losses off about \$120 million during their past ten years.

## Indian educationalist tours private schools

A LEADING Indian educationalist is currently visiting Bahrain for the first time on a lecture tour to familiarise himself with the island's educational system in the English-medium private schools in particular and the overall educational development in the country in general.

Dr J. Felix, headmaster and correspondent of Madras Christian College and Director of Higher Secondary Education (HSE) Regional Centre, Madras, during his two week visit to Bahrain will address teachers' meetings in a number of private schools and organisations.

"The purpose of my trip is to determine the system of education operated by Bahrain's leading English-medium private schools. I would like to learn about the good qualities of private schooling here which I may adopt and incorporate in our college in Madras. I would also like to present our methods to teachers and students here and hopefully they may absorb some of our finer points in return," Dr Felix, who is also a consultant to the government of India and a member of various state bodies in education, is a strong advocate of the British system of education, particularly in the secondary school level. While believing that the British system provides a solid foundation in secondary education, he said it must be adapted to conform to national needs and goals both in India and elsewhere.

The distinguished educationalist described an ideal secondary educational system in the private sector as one that incorporate a combination of basic British system and national goals in a parochial environment.

"Although our college is of Catholic religious affiliation the majority of our students are predominantly non-Catholic. We welcome students of all faiths, caste and nationality. This is our philosophy," said Dr Felix.

#### Sports

The director of USO Madras, is also a keen supporter of the concept of sports playing a key role along with academic achievement. In this context he said his institution encourages a host of sporting activities by providing excellent facilities to students.

Dr Felix is accompanied by his wife Mrs Margaret Elisabeth Felix, a distinguished educationalist in her own right.

Dr Felix' current tour of Bahrain has been arranged by the United School International Arab Regional Office Bahrain.

The visiting academic has visited schools in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore, and taken students on educational tours to the Far East, besides lecturing in institutions and attending international conferences in the US and South Korea.

## French festival, Nov 14-24

TO coincide with the bicentennial year of France a major French festival will be held in Bahrain at the Hilton Hotel between Nov 14-24.

The Festival called 'Come and Love France' has been organised by the Hilton in collaboration with the Trade Commission of the French Embassy. The French extravaganza, said to be the biggest and the first of its kind to be held on the island is set to provide a variety of entertainment including a fashion show and an exhibition.

The fashion show, which forms among the highlights of this exciting event, will represent the cream of France's haute couture. In keeping with the reputation of France as the fashion capital of the world, eight of the top models will display the winter collections of La Grand Magasin Le Printemps. Among the total of 24 fashion houses that will be represented will include such distinguished names as Yves Saint Laurent, Pierre Cardin, Karl Lagerfeld, Nina Ricci, Guy Laroche, Michel Klein, Charles Jourdan, Issey Miyake and Christian Dior. The fashion show will be hosted during a ladies luncheon show followed by a gala dinner the same day.

World renowned French master chef Jacques Guilla, who is being especially flown for this event, will prepare his 'unique creations' throughout the festival.

A French high-tech exhibition will feature the latest products and technology by some of France's leading industrial companies comprising of Aerospatiale, Cegelec, Sonel, Alcatel, Dassault, Pechiney and UTA.

L'Hôtel des Monnaies de Paris has generously agreed to the exhibition of a unique collection of 140 medals and coins. This type of French collection is on show in Bahrain for the first time. The coins were specially selected for their cultural relevance to the Middle East, and French history.

The festival will also feature an open tennis tournament, children's drawing competition, a bicycle tour of Bahrain, pétanque tournament and a wine tasting competition.

## Seasonal uniforms for all policemen

By Sayed Ueman

THE director of stores and logistics at the Interior Ministry, Dawood Al-Jassem, has said that the ministry is concerned with supplying policemen with all the requirements that help them perform their duties perfectly. He said that the ministry is also concerned with preserving the good appearance of policemen.

The logistics department provides different police centres with the required weapons, ammunition and clothing as well as stationery and electrical appliances. The administration supervises all the stores of the various departments in different governorates that they abide by the safety conditions of storage, he said.

Jassem pointed out that ministry has a workshop run by qualified technicians to maintain weapons and ammunition. There is another workshop to maintain technical equipment. The ministry has set up a special committee to chart annual plans to meet requirements of the different departments and police centres of the ministry. He added that the present uniform of policemen was selected by a committee of senior officers. The policemen have special uniforms for summer, winter and autumn.

The present uniform of policemen was selected in 1988, he said.

## Lichal meets Bahraini Amir

MANAMA, Nov 7, (Kuna): Visiting Austrian Defence Minister Robert Lichal yesterday exchanged views with Bahraini Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The Gulf News Agency quoted the Austrian guest as saying following the audience that the exchange with Sheikh Issa focussed on bilateral relations and ways to further strengthen them in various fields.

The visit of the Austrian Defence Minister came within the framework of exchanging views and expanding ties of military co-operation between the two countries.

The visiting guest also met with Crown Prince and General Commander of Bahrain's Defence Force Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa and discussed a number of issues of common interest.

The agency added that the meeting between Lichal and the Bahraini Crown Prince was attended by Deputy General Commander Major Gen. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the Austrian Ambassador to Bahrain.

Lichal arrived here last night from Kuwait within a tour of a number of regional states, including Qatar.

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ONLY a mediocre person is always at his best —  
W. Somerset Maugham, English author (1874-1965).

## OPINION

None should  
oppose peace

INDEED one cannot and should not have any doubt about the peace process in Lebanon.

It is a very serious one after the civil war ended in a deadlock.

The invading forces, wherever they came from, have not achieved their goals, and neither have the Lebanese people achieved their unity.

Thus the purpose of the Lebanese civil war has ended completely and will not come back.

Firing a bullet here or there does not at all mean an eruption of the civil war or that the peace process has failed.

The Lebanese reconciliation has been achieved and perhaps the most important achievement is the decision for the withdrawal of all invading forces, after they had already failed in achieving any of their objectives.

The reconciliation has now been achieved, and it is enough that it has been left for the Lebanese people themselves to decide on the course of their future, without any outside pressure or interference.

Naturally, there are some who are trying a face-saving attempt and perhaps Arab manners take this factor into consideration, and make allowances for it.

It must be understood that any opposition to the peace process in Lebanon would be a national mistake that we should not slip into.

Although the civil war has produced a kind of mistrust between the disputing parties and among the Lebanese people and the invading forces, it should be remembered that the fears over such mistrust should not be misinterpreted or miscalculated.

As we said earlier, the purpose of the Lebanese civil war has ended and nobody wants the war back because it will be very expensive and the results very risky, besides leading all into the unknown.

The Lebanese peace is approved by all Arabs and is under international supervision.

Above all, it was the Lebanese people who approved and wanted the peace. They are very keen to preserve it because the civil war led to nothing, and the invaders realised that the correct path was peace and not war.

The United States realised its mistake in Vietnam and withdrew. Similarly, Russia realised its mistake in Afghanistan and withdrew. Hitler paid a heavy price for invading Russia.

The Lebanese conditions required peace there after the war failed. No party or side should therefore oppose the peace process, otherwise it will put itself in an embarrassing position.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Discontent rises  
among Russians

WITH popular discontent officially admitted on the rise, the Soviet Union marked the 72nd anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution yesterday in a mood of impending crisis and uncertainty on what the future holds.

Russians of the older generation and long-time foreign residents in Moscow say the sense of intense unease that appears to pervade every level of society is probably unprecedented since World War II.

And at the focus of much of the doubt is, for his own people, the increasingly controversial figure of Mikhail Gorbachev whose commitment to total reform some — though far from all — erstwhile supporters are beginning to question.

For ordinary people, his perestroika programme has failed to bring any noticeable improvement in living standards. Four and a half years after it was launched, food and almost all other goods are in shorter supply than ever.

For intellectuals, since 1985 his firmest backers, what in a Western system would appear tactical political compromises seem to signal that the president and Communist Party chief may feel that reform zeal is getting out of hand.

"We don't really know where he stands," says Tatyana Koryagina, head of a research department at the State Planning Committee and member of an official commission on reshaping the country's ossified and now crumbling economy.

"Everything depends on Gorbachev. If he's not with the conservatives, then he ought to explain to the people openly why he has been taking the conservative side."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1519 — Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez reaches Mexico City.

1620 — Catholic League under Count Tilly defeats army of Frederick of Bohemia at battle of White Mountain near Prague.

1793 — Louvre museum in Paris opens to public.

1880 — Civil War in Samoa begins.

1917 — Nikolai V. Lenin becomes chief commissar in Russia and Leon Trotsky is named premier.

1950 — First battle between jet planes as US fighters are attacked by North Korean MIGs near Yalu River in Korean conflict.

1956 — UN General Assembly demands that Soviet troops withdraw from Hungary.

1959 — United Arab Republic and Sudan sign agreement on sharing Nile waters after construction of Aswan dam.

1966 — Italian city of Florence appeals to world to help save art treasures damaged by floods.

1977 — Israel shells Palestinian commandos concentrations in southern Lebanon.

1978 — Pope John Paul II calls human rights "the great effort of our time."

1987 — Bomb kills 11 people and injures 55 at memorial service for Britain's war dead by Irish Terrorists at Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

1988 — Nearly 9,000 foreign tourists are evacuated from Sri Lanka beach resorts after Sinhalese extremists threaten to attack south coast hotels.

## No single party able to rule

## Troubled times for Greece

GREECE has entered a period of political uncertainty, reminiscent of the difficulties which preceded a 1967 military coup, with no single party able to rule and coalitions hard to form.

Much has changed since the dark days of political turmoil when a group of army colonels imposed its solution to disorder, but politicians and voters again seem unable to come up with a stable government.

For the second time in five months, Greeks failed to grant any party an overall majority in elections on Sunday and the crisis which began last year is still on the boil.

The two main parties which emerged after the Junta collapsed in 1974 — the conservative New Democracy and the Pasok Socialist Party — will vie again for the help of a new partner — a communist-led leftist alliance.

New Democracy won 148 seats in the 300-seat parliament, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) 128, the communist-led alliance 21 and three independents a seat each.

Whatever the outcome of the haggling over a coalition, the margin of strength in the parliament will be so slim that no government is likely to survive past a presidential election next March.

Political commentators are already predicting a third election will be needed this year, possibly on Dec 17, but there is no guarantee of a stable government emerging then.

As the problems pile up, Greece is stuck in a political impasse fuelled by historic rivalries between right and left, and bitter animosity among party leaders, which have heralded chaos and dictatorship on more than one occasion in the past. But there are major differences between 1967 and 1989.

There are no rumours of disquiet in the military. Little of the fanaticism and violence which marred politics in the 1960s has appeared. The inconclusive elections last June and on Sunday were quiet and orderly compared to past votes.

A major element in the instability before the 1967 coup has disappeared — the monarchy was abolished in 1974. Membership of the European Economic Community since 1981 has also increased stability as well as providing an economic safety net.

But a number of problems await the immediate attention of a government as the backroom jockeying for coalitions and the threat of a repeat coalition hang over Greece.

Those include huge public deficits, talks on a new accord for US bases threatened with closure, and the extradition of a Palestinian commando the United States fear trial — failure to do so could mean a crisis in US-Greek relations.

At the heart of the present situation is a new election law passed in March which favours smaller parties, primarily the communists, and makes an absolute majority in parliament very difficult for either the conservatives or the socialists.



New Democracy supporters celebrate the victory of their party on Monday in the streets of Athens. (Reuters wirephoto)

All parties backed the election law change for self-serving reasons at the time but it has made a stable government almost impossible.

Conservatives and the communist alliance teamed up in an unprecedented coalition after the June election but only to lift immunity for former socialist ministers suspected of criminal wrongdoing.

Socialist leader Andreas Papandreu, 70, and four of his former ministers were indicted on charges of complicity in a bank embezzlement scandal and illegal telephone tapping.

Despite the charges, Papandreu, prime minister from 1981 until June, raised Pasok's score to 40 per

cent and 128 seats, from 39 per cent and 125 seats in June.

The increase has strengthened Papandreu's hand within his own party and made demands by the communists that he stand down before a leftist coalition can be formed less likely to be met.

After the results were announced, political commentator and journalist Panos Loukakos was asked on television to explain the rise in the Pasok vote and analyse the political scene.

"To analyse this, you don't want a journalist. You want a psychiatrist to explain the mind of the Greek voter," Loukakos said. (Athens — Reuters).

## Lebanon leaps into reality

## Peace plan leaves Aoun isolated

IN a sudden leap into reality, an Arab plan after months of stumbling has shattered the established disorder in Lebanon and stamped authority on the country's first president for over a year.

The return of elderly deputies to elect Rene Muawad as president and endorse the Arab-sponsored peace plan on Sunday bucked the odds offered by professional Lebanon-watchers and war-weary citizens alike.

The two moves, at an airbase in Syrian-controlled north Lebanon, isolated the Christian community and within hours turned hardliners against the traditionally respected moderate church in an explosion of anger.

An avalanche of welcome from the Arab world for the peace plan and president underscored how effectively months of work by Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco — the Arab League Committee which sponsored the accord — helped isolate Christian Army chief General Michel Aoun.

Only Iraq, which supplied Aoun with arms to fight troops of Syria from March to a September ceasefire, kept silent.

Arab, and international, backing has stamped authority on the new 64-year-old Maronite Christian president who conferred on Monday with Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi.

Moving swiftly after Lebanon's year-long drift with no president and two rival cabinets, Muawad is preparing to name a prime minister and produce an administration which will effectively be recognised internationally.

Ibrahim said a new prime minister would be named within hours.

Selim Al Hoss, acting prime minister heading the Muslim-led cabinet, rivaling that of Aoun, has already offered his resignation to Muawad.

The new president has also moved to undermine Aoun's position, calling for loyalty for the head of state from the armed forces.



General Michel Aoun: isolated

Aoun's power base lies in popular support among Christians and 15,000 mainly Christian soldiers who flocked to him when the Army split on largely religious lines.

The speed of change from the moment two Boeing aircraft touched down on Sunday with the deputies appeared to take the initiative from Aoun whose order to dissolve parliament they defied at the weekend.

Aoun's supporters on Monday lashed out at the nearest target available to vent their displeasure without running the risk of harsh reaction should they turn to guns.

About 100 hardliners stormed the base of Lebanon's Christian Maronite spiritual leader on Sunday night while thousands of young Aoun backers demonstrated there later. Aoun defended the attack in a radio interview. "A people in revolt could do anything," he said.

"He's cornered and kids are letting off steam in the only way they know," said a Western diplomat. "The mob will stop in the end but the damage to the Christian order is unprecedented." (Beirut — Reuters).

## Profile

## Lebanon's First Lady fights drug abuse

WHILE new President Rene Muawad struggles with war-torn Lebanon's bitter politics, his wife Naila Issa Khoury is focussing on another devastating problem — drug abuse in one of the world's foremost hashish exporting countries.

"One of our big, big problems is drugs and drug addicts," said Mrs Muawad in a Monday interview at the family's ancestral palace in northern mountain resort.

"My dream is to create organised leisure activities for youngsters because I think the absence of such activities is one of the reasons behind this problem," she said.

There are no official estimates of the number of drug abusers in Lebanon, but knowledgeable medical sources place the number at about half a million in a nation of four million.

The hashish industry thrives in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley which stretches along Syria's border. The valley is largely under the control of the Syrian Army.

Mrs Muawad spoke a day after a chaotic parliamentary vote for president that elected her husband the ninth president of Lebanon since independence from France in 1943. His election faces stiff opposition from Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun in a shattered country where parliament has no power and the men who control the arms wield the most influence.

"I feel overwhelmed by the level of responsibility being a first lady gives me," said Mrs Muawad, speaking as well-wishers flocked through the manor house. "The country is destroyed and there are many social problems."

"There are so many things to do... from planting trees to teaching people not to throw garbage in the streets... to the very high values which formed our country, its civilization and its democracy."

Every Lebanese citizen should pitch in, she said. "We should all help each other because I believe every person is responsible for making his country better."

Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war has claimed more than 150,000 lives, displaced more than one million people and shattered a once-booming economy.

Mrs Muawad is from the mountain town of Bishrri, the hometown of Lebanon's famous poet-philosopher, Gibran Khalil Gibran.

She met her husband while she was working as a journalist at the French language newspaper "L'Orient Le Jour." They were married in 1965.

"I had to stop work two months after getting married because people started saying that everything I wrote was my husband's," she said.

The couple have two children. 22-year-old Rima who has a law degree from France and plans to continue her education there and 17-year-old Michel, also a student in France.

Mrs Muawad has a degree in French literature from the St Joseph University and spent a year in Cambridge, England, to learn English.

But the elegant, vivacious first lady refuses to give her age.

"You never ask a lady how old she is," she said. Her husband is 64.

Mrs Muawad heads a charity foundation that offers scholarships to needy students and supervises a small factory that makes traditional loose Lebanese dresses, called "abayas," in Zghorta, her husband's hometown.

"I dream of setting up a public library in the area," said Mrs Muawad. "You can't make a country without culture, without art and without development."

Dozens of paintings, most by Lebanese artists, adorn the walls of their palatial stone and brick, two-storey residence.

"We try to encourage Lebanese paintings by always trying to buy them," she said. "Whenever we are abroad Rene and I regularly go to museums and antique shops. It's something we both love to do."

Mrs Muawad said she would not interfere in her husband's political life.

"But I will try to bring him close to the people by telling him about their problems and about things they may be ashamed to tell him," she added.

## Letters to the editor

## Abstract music

SIR: I am discontented by the letter written by Sohail Javed (AT Oct 29).

In his letter he writes that heavy metal is nothing but 'satanic rubbish'. But I, personally, disagree with this. For myself and many others who understand heavy metal its a type of 'abstract music'. Weren't Pablo Picasso's paintings of weird, but they were called masterpieces of 'abstract art' because they had a very abstract meaning. Similar case is with heavy metal songs.

He has also exclaimed that some youngsters have started worshipping devils, have grown long hair and wear torn clothes. Just because teenagers started to make weird hair style, this doesn't mean that they are worshipping satan.

I never saw a place where a church, a mosque or a temple is constructed for satan worshipers. About growing hair and wearing ragged clothes, is fashion. We have to keep up with the fashion. At present, how would you like to see a teenager wearing a suit, a tie and well polished shoes and also has nicely styled, old-fashioned hair style? No! He would be an outcast and public nuisance. He would be laughed upon by every next person he meets or sees.

Teenagers love to make noise, to scream, to shout, and that's what is provided by heavy metal.

Saeed Javed Butt

Safat

## Wrong depiction

SIR: This is in protest for publishing the photograph of an Assamese girl on Page 18 of the Arab Times, Nov 2-3.

I feel that the sponsors of the Indian Arts Circle should not have encouraged a leading newspaper to publish this photograph as the competitor neither depicts or is close to depicting an Assamese girl.

Assamese people do not wear tribal head dresses. We are not a tribal people. Our jewellery is very sophisticated and artistic, usually in red stones set in elaborate and intricate designs in pure gold. Assamese girls do not wear saris. Our dress consists of two pieces — the mekhela and chador — usually woven in natural white or gold coloured cloth, pure silk (pat or muga). The dresses are never plain, but filled with very intricately woven patterns. The designs are so beautiful that Mahatma Gandhi once remarked, "Assamese women weave poems in their looms."

I am not suggesting that the dress or jewellery should be authentic. It should at least attempt to represent the costume accurately. Otherwise it is an insult to the community it tries to represent.

I suggest that the sponsors who gave the photograph to be published, apologise to the Assamese community in Kuwait.

Maitreyee Goswami

Ras Salimya

## Meaningless comment

SIR: The comments of New Orleans Overseas Association president Fidelis Fernandez, and the director of the drama "Chintnam Zalima Sopnam" M. Boyer, in the Arab Times Nov 6/9 are absurd.

By their comments, the director and the president, who I presume are Catholics, have further hurt the sentiments of the faithful by saying they did not realise that Nov 2 was All Souls Day, and moreover the date for the said show was fixed a year back.

As true Catholics they should have known that from time immemorial Nov 2 has always been All Souls Day and will remain so till the doomsday. So please don't give meaningless comments.

Sicari Saeed

Safat

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## Quote me

"You can turn on your TV in this country and take out your credit card and spend all kinds of money on outrageous things, but there is no savings device to direct that discretionary income to small businesses and entrepreneurs, that is kind of surprising considering the history of our country. To the extent that (Ulor) can convert consumption expenditures to a savings expenditure, it could have a real valuable effect." — Liles urging other American states to adopt Ulor, a multi-state sales network to make profits.

"The events this morning underscore an important truth. People power is not a political technique. It is a selfless action for a moral purpose. It springs from a heritage of faith and freedom and will rise to the occasion only when these supreme values are threatened." — Philippine President Cory Aquino on the 1986 uprising which saw Marcos packing to Hawaii.

"I had a great time in the final. If you can't enjoy the final, you have a problem. The pressure's off and you just go out there and show your stuff. It's good enough, that's great. And if it's not, I tip my hat to my opponent and say well done." — Martina Navratilova after beating Zina Garrison for finals of the Virginia Slims of New England.

"During the mad years of playing — here, there and everywhere, and constantly — I felt that I was shrinking intellectually and artistically. So I stopped playing and started all over again, making a slow recovery." — Vladimir Horowitz after a 25th anniversary concert in 1953.

"I don't say he's doing it on purpose but it's become part of his game. There's no place for it in a match. I just hope he goes to a doctor to rectify the problem." — John McEnroe criticising Boris Becker for his coughing bouts during their match at the Paris Open.

"Once I got my mental strength back together — not only through myself but with the help of God — I was able to go to bed about 2 O'clock and have a good sleep. Not many hours but the sleep I got was a relaxing, peaceful sleep and then when I got up this morning I was fresh and strong." — Ayrton Senna on lack of motivation after his disqualification from the Japanese Grand Prix.

"I felt a little out of place being the only well-known black artist. I was rather isolated because of the apartheid situation. I had to come to Europe where I would be together with other artists and where there was no colour bar. I am not a political exile. I came on my own to stay here and has never dreamed of gold except of spiritual gold, at all costs." — called South African artist, Gerard Jekoto on life and South Africa.

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# Jordanians speak out in 'democratic fiesta'

AMMAN, Nov 7. (Reuters) Jordanians choose a new parliament on Wednesday after a "democratic fiesta" which let them speak out freely in an election campaign for the first time in over 30 years.

Many candidates demanded more political freedoms and an end to martial law, in force since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. They also want to bring to account those responsible for alleged past corruption and mismanagement of Jordan's ailing economy.

Jordan last held general election a few weeks before the 1967 war. But the last poll contested by political parties was in 1956. They were banned a year later after an attempt to topple King Hussein.

The ban remains in force, but the government has ignored it during the three-week campaign, allowing the Muslim Brotherhood, the Communist Party, parties linked to radical Palestinian factions and other groups to announce lists of candidates.

"It's a democratic fiesta," said political science professor Kamel Abu Jaber. "It's very healthy. People have discussed issues, mainly Jordanian ones and not just personalities."

Police plan to deploy 16,000 men to ensure security at more than 1,000 polling stations across the country and to prevent celebratory shooting by supporters of winning candidates.

Armed forces and civil defence personnel, who may not vote, will stay in their barracks on election day, a national holiday.

Up to 877,000 voters may cast ballots for the 648 candidates left in the race for 80 seats in the freshly-painted parliament.

No date has been set for the first session when King Hussein will deliver a speech from the throne to serve as the policy statement of the new government.

The Muslim Brotherhood, which escaped the ban on other political parties, has run the best-organised campaign, staging mass rallies where supporters chant slogans such as "Islam is the solution" or "no east, no west, Islam, Islam."

It is unclear whether an attempt by Muslim conservatives to try a woman candidate for atheism and apostasy in an Islamic Sharia court has won or lost votes for the Islamic movement.

The judge dismissed the case against Toujan Al Faisal, a women's rights activist, who is now under police protection.

An official, who asked not to be named, said Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker would resign and be reappointed. Nine cabinet ministers are drafting the king's speech.

The official said it was not clear how many of the present 21 cabinet ministers would keep their jobs.

Bin Shaker has headed an interim government since riots in April forced his predecessor, Zeid Al Rifa'i, to resign.

The election campaign has unleashed a torrent of public debate unknown during Rifa'i's five-year term.

"Every woman in Jordan felt threatened," Faisal said yesterday. "What shocked most women was that the extremists asked for my blood and to separate me from my husband and children."

Some 635 parliamentary candidates held rallies, passed out fliers and pounded the pavement today on the last day of campaigning.

By law, all of the hundreds of banners draped over streets and the thousands of posters plastered to walls and windows were supposed to come down by midnight (2200 GMT) — a seemingly impossible task.



A Muslim Brotherhood candidate addressing a meeting in Amman. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US to consider Israeli terms

WASHINGTON, Nov 7. (Reuters) The United States said yesterday it would consider new Israeli conditions on Secretary of State James Baker's five-point formula for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks only after Egypt accepted the plan.

Israel's inner cabinet approved the plan on Sunday, contingent on Washington's acceptance of six "side assurances."

"We know that both Israel and Egypt are likely to request certain clarifications or understandings about the process (and) we have made clear to both sides that we're prepared to discuss these issues once agreement is reached on the overall framework," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters.

He said the focus was now on obtaining a response from Egypt and it was likely Baker or other top US officials would be talking to Cairo.

Boucher hailed the Israeli inner cabinet's approval of the Baker plan as a "clear step forward" in the peace process, despite its demand for additional US assurances.

But he refused to say Israeli approval was actually conditioned on receiving those assurances, as many Israeli officials insisted.

He acknowledged publicly for the first time that Baker had already made changes in his five-point proposal, including a bracketed sentence the Israelis deleted.

Boucher dismissed Israeli news reports that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had also demanded specific assurances from the United States before its representative, Egypt, would accept the Baker plan.

Egypt has asked Washington further questions about the US framework for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in the light of a PLO Executive Committee meeting in Cairo last week, a PLO leader said yesterday.

Khaled Al Hassan, spokesman for the main PLO group Fatah, told Reuters it was Egypt which posed the questions because the PLO had received the text of the five-point US formula only through the Egyptian government.

Israel said today the foreign ministers of Egypt, Israel and the United States meeting in Washington would agree on a Palestinian team for proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo.

In an effort to gain international backing for Israel's stand on a US plan for the talks, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens has sent a letter of explanation to all countries where Israel has embassies.



Two prominent Palestinians, Assad Saltawi (left) and Dr. Tawfik Al Vaziri, who are scheduled to visit Cairo for talks on current stage of political process with Egyptian foreign minister. The two are awaiting permission from Israeli military authorities. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Troops kill another Arab

# UN debates Israeli terror

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 7. (AP) The Security Council yesterday opened debate on sending a fact-finding mission to observe the Israeli crackdown on the Palestinian uprising.

The resolution under debate in the council also demands that Israel return confiscated property or compensate the Palestinian village of Beit Sahour, which refused to pay taxes to Israeli authorities.

"The people in Beit Sahour, in fact, raise the same banner that was raised by the young revolutionaries in Boston during the fight for independence — 'No taxation without representation,'" said Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammed Abdulhasan, in introducing the resolution.

Israeli Ambassador Johanan Bein shifted the focus of the debate, describing in detail the brutal assassinations and stabbings of five Palestinians in October. The victims were mutilated, some before family members or while praying in a mosque.

"These are only five gruesome examples of the violent murders perpetrated by PLO hit squads — five out of 23 similar murders committed in October, in one month only, for failing to toe the line," said Bein.

"Indeed, the rate of PLO attacks against Palestinians increased sharply following the promulgation of Israel's peace initiative in April 1989," he said, adding that the incidence of attacks rose seven-fold.

"Taxation without liberation is tyranny," declared Zudhi Labib Terzi, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's permanent observer, echoing the rhetoric that sparked America's revolutionary war.

Terzi also called on Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to dispatch UN observers to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"In our opinion, such on-the-spot examination and monitoring of the situation and the subsequent immediate reporting of developments, the action to be taken by the Security Council should be the first priority, and immediately."

In Israel, the army today announced the capture of a ring of Palestinian Muslim fundamentalist in the occupied Gaza Strip who are believed to have kidnapped and killed two Israeli soldiers.

The body of one victim has never been found, but an army statement said the detainees' interrogation has yielded the first concrete evidence that the soldier, reported missing in May, was slain in captivity.

The trooper, Ilan Saadon, 18, of the Mediterranean coastal town of Ashdod, would be the 41st Israeli slain in the Palestinian uprising.

In the occupied lands, riot police shot and killed a Palestinian teenager with a rubber bullet while quelling stone-throwing disturbances in the town of Qalqaya — the army said.

## Sudan plans offensive in south

KHARTOUM, Nov 7. (Reuters) Sudan's military junta seems set to launch a major offensive against southern rebels which would halt relief efforts in the famine-prone area, diplomats and relief workers said.

They said the junta's suspension last week of relief flights to the south, including those from Kenya and Uganda, was a strong sign of its resolve to resume full-scale hostilities against the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

Military aid, mainly from Libya and Iraq, continued to pour into the country and the army has bought a big fleet of all-terrain tanker vehicles for use in the south, they said.

Businessmen reported today that their fuel rations had been sharply cut to make more available for the army.

The junta approved a law yesterday to set up a paramilitary popular force to assist the army. It was designed largely to legalise tribal militias which have been helping troops to combat the SPLA since the bush war erupted in 1983.

Military leader Omar Hassan Al-Bashir vowed last week to crush the SPLA before the end of the year in retaliation for their capture of the border town Al-Kuraym in southeast Sudan.

Unidentified warplanes later bombed the SPLA-held towns of Ytiol and Watt. Diplomats and relief workers believed the raids were launched by the Sudanese air force.

They said there were unconfirmed reports of a third raid on the town of Kapoeta.

The SPLA, which wants Sudan governed by secular laws, says it is fighting to end what it regards as the domination over the south by Arabised Muslims in the north.

About 250,000 people died in the south last year of hunger and disease, but a series of unilateral ceasefire enabled a United Nations-led relief programme to be implemented this year.

The programme ended on Oct 31 and the United Nations is now finalising plans for a new one-year relief programme starting on Jan 1.

Relief workers said about 30 per cent of the 110,000 tonnes of aid delivered to the south under the first programme, called Lifeline Sudan, remained in stock.

# US to release Iranian assets

## Move unrelated to hostages

WASHINGTON, Nov 7. (AP) The United States is returning \$567 million in frozen assets to Iran but says the action is unrelated to the eight Americans held hostage in Lebanon.

The money was being held in a fund to back up claims by American banks against Iran.

Most of those claims were settled in the past few weeks.

As a result, US officials said last night, the leftover assets will be returned to the Bank of Iran.

Another \$243 million will be transferred to a special fund to back up other American claims, US officials said last night.

Talks

The move followed talks in The Hague last week between Abraham Sofaer, the US State Department's legal adviser, and Iranian officials. A special tribunal set up in the Dutch capital in 1981 has been considering conflicting claims.

US officials said the decision to return the assets through the Bank of Iran was unrelated to those held in Lebanon by a pro-Iranian faction.

Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani offered help last month in getting 18 Western hostages freed if the United States released billions of dollars in frozen assets or helped settle the cases of three Iranians captured by Christian Lebanese militiamen in 1982.

Bush administration officials immediately responded they would not engage in negotiations over the hostages and called on humanitarian grounds for the release of all the hostages.

Claims

Sandra McCarty, a State Department spokeswoman, said Sofaer's talks with Iranian officials in The Hague last Thursday and Friday concerned only claims matters. "We are making no deals with anyone about the hostages," she said.

About \$800 million had been held in a special fund against claims of American banks.

"Since most of the bank claims were settled over the last several months, \$567 million could be returned to Iran and the remainder was transferred to a special security account to back up other claims," a US official said.

That account is maintained at a minimum of \$500 million, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The US-Iranian claims commission was set up in 1981 as part of the arrangement that led to the release of American hostages held for 444 days in Tehran after seizure of the US embassy by militants.

There are several other claims issues outstanding, including Iran's demand for compensation for military equipment purchased before the 1979 Islamic revolution but never delivered.

The United States transferred \$9.9 billion in frozen assets to the jurisdiction of the claims tribunal in 1981. Before the banks' settlement, some \$3.8 billion had been transferred to Iran.

The \$810 million involved in Monday's action had been reserved for US bank claims against Iran.

# Ben Ali dashes hopes of foes

TUNIS, Nov 7. (Reuters) President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali dashed opposition hopes today that the pace of democratic reform would accelerate in Tunisia and ruled out recognition of a political party based on Islam.

"We say to those who mix religion and politics: There is no room for any religious party," Ben Ali said in a speech marking two years in power.

"Islam is the religion of everyone and it cannot be the object of competition or exploitation and it cannot be used as a platform for coming to power," he said.

Ben Ali was clearly addressing the influential Islamic movement, whose candidates won about 13 per cent of the popular vote in parliamentary elections in April.

Of the recognised opposition parties, he said: "It will take a long time for these parties to win the presence and influence which would make them a factor for enrichment and vitality in our political system."

Ben Ali defended the election system. "It would be wrong to seek excuses in the electoral code, which had no effect on the choice of the voters."

"For the first time in Tunisia's contemporary history, the elections were completely transparent and honest," he added.

Mohammed Moada, leader of the Movement of Socialist Democrats, the largest legal opposition party, told Reuters: "We were expecting something more than this."

Sheikh Abdelattah Mourou, deputy leader of the unrecognized Islamic Nahdha (renaissance) movement, said he was disappointed by Ben Ali's speech.

"The issue of mixing religion and politics is a false problem. We are a political party which draws its manifesto from the cultural background of Islam," he told Reuters.

Ben Ali did, however, offer to consult the opposition parties on how to make the transition to pluralism inside parliament and other institutions.

Ben Ali offered to allow Islamic movement to publish a newspaper while it awaits a decision on a request for recognition as a political party.

## British peer seeks swap of prisoners

ISLAMABAD, Nov 7. (Reuters) A British peer began talks with Afghan rebel leaders in Peshawar today in a bid to win the release of Soviet prisoners in return for rebel fighters set free in Kabul.

Diplomatic sources in Islamabad said Lord Bethell hoped mujahadeen based in the Pakistani city of Peshawar would respond to the release of the three rebels.

Bethell won their freedom in talks with Afghan President Najibullah last week and they have been handed over to the Red Cross in the Afghan capital.

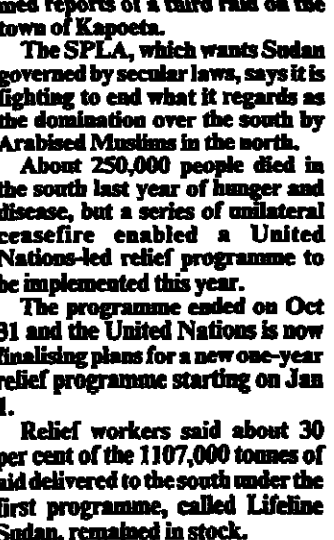
In regard President Najibullah's gesture in pardoning these men as a step towards an end in this civil war," he was quoted as saying.

Bethell, a member of the European Parliament once denounced by Moscow as a right-wing anti-Soviet activist, is acting in a private capacity.

In 1984, he secured the release of two Soviet prisoners held by the mujahadeen.



Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens (right) speaks to Japan's Ambassador to Israel Sadakazu Taniguchi at a Tokyo hotel. (Reuters wirephoto)



# Israel slams door on Soviet tourists

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 7. (Reuters) Israel has ordered Cyprus Airways to stop carrying transit passengers to Tel Aviv, closing a gateway used by 1,000 Soviet Jewish tourists a month.

The dispute centres on landing rights. Cyprus Airways runs lucrative flights to Israel but the Israeli national carrier El Al is not permitted to use the Cypriot airport at Larnaca.

In Larnaca, an official for Cyprus Airways told Reuters the airline stopped selling tickets to Soviet Jews arriving from the Soviet Union on Sunday.

He regretted the Israeli decision which he said was bound to cut the airline's revenues.

Moshe Brickman, a spokesman for Cyprus Airways in Israel, said in a statement more than 30 Soviet passengers who arrived in Cyprus expecting to transfer to a flight to Tel Aviv on Sunday were told they could not board.

"As a result of certain restrictions ... Cyprus Airways will not carry ... any group traffic between Larnaca and Tel Aviv and Tel Aviv and Larnaca transiting for less than 72 hours," he said.

"These restrictions obviously include Russian Jewish traffic moving between Moscow and Tel Aviv via Larnaca," he added.

Brickman said Cyprus Airways had carried up to 1,500 Soviet passengers a month and a total of between 10,000 and 15,000 over the last year.

The head of Israel's civil aviation board, Shai Shohami, said Cyprus Airways had been ordered to cut its weekly service to Israel from four flights, including wide-bodied planes, to two flights using smaller aircraft.

"El Al is interested in flying to Larnaca," Shohami said. "If El Al is allowed to fly to Cyprus, then Cyprus Airways and El Al can sit down and negotiate a sharing agreement."

# Egypt gets bond for Israeli ship

CAIRO, Nov 7. (AP) Egypt has received the bond it requested as a condition for releasing an Israeli-owned tanker detained last month on a charge of polluting territorial waters in the Gulf of Suez, a representative of the ship owners said today.

Yehoshua Goldstein, director of Tanker Services Ltd. which is partly owned by the Israeli government, also said that Joseph Zvi skipper of the 103,332-ton Nyuta, appeared in a court in Sinai this morning.

Goldstein, who arrived in Cairo last week, told the AP that his firm had obtained for Egypt a letter of guarantee for \$1.5 million from the ship's London insurers.

Israeli Ambassador Shimon Shamir said last Friday that President Hosni Mubarak had ordered the release of the Nyuta, which flies the Panamanian flag, upon receipt of financial guarantees from Israel.

"Egyptian authorities have received the \$1.5 million letter of guarantee," Goldstein said. "It is being checked and the transaction definitely will be concluded today (Tuesday)."

He said he did not know specifically for what purpose the bond was sought. There was no work on when the tanker would be released.

# From Chicago to Jerusalem — 100 years of an American hotel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 7. (AP) The saga of an American family that survived the Chicago fire of 1871 and founded a Jerusalem institution went on display yesterday, told in old photographs and press clippings that also unravel more than 100 years of Jerusalem's history.

The institution is the American Colony, founded in 1881 as a religious retreat by the Spafford family of Chicago and today the city's oldest hotel.

One of the oddities of the hotel, where the historical display now adorns the walls beside rich Persian carpets, is that it was transformed from Christian retreat into a haven for Jews and Arabs in 1902 at the urging of actor Peter Ustinov's grandfather.

Baron Ustinov, owner of a hotel in coastal Jaffa, wanted a place to send his guests when they visited the holy city. He chose the colony, an old stone structure first built 1860 as the palace of an Arab pasha.

The hotel has since been part of Jerusalem's tumultuous history under Turkish, British, Jordanian and Israeli rule. But it also has been a retreat, often the only place where Jews and Arabs could meet and escape the turmoil between the two peoples.

The hotel's guests have included everyone from T.E. Lawrence, Lawrence of Arabia, to Peter O'Toole, the actor who played Lawrence on the screen; from Glubb Pasha, the British soldier who commanded Jordan's army, to Marc Chagall, the Russian-born artist whose murals adorn Israel's parliament.

Valentine Vester, the hotel's current chairman, told a news conference that when the idea arose for a historical display, she and her colleagues did what many a family would to discover its history.

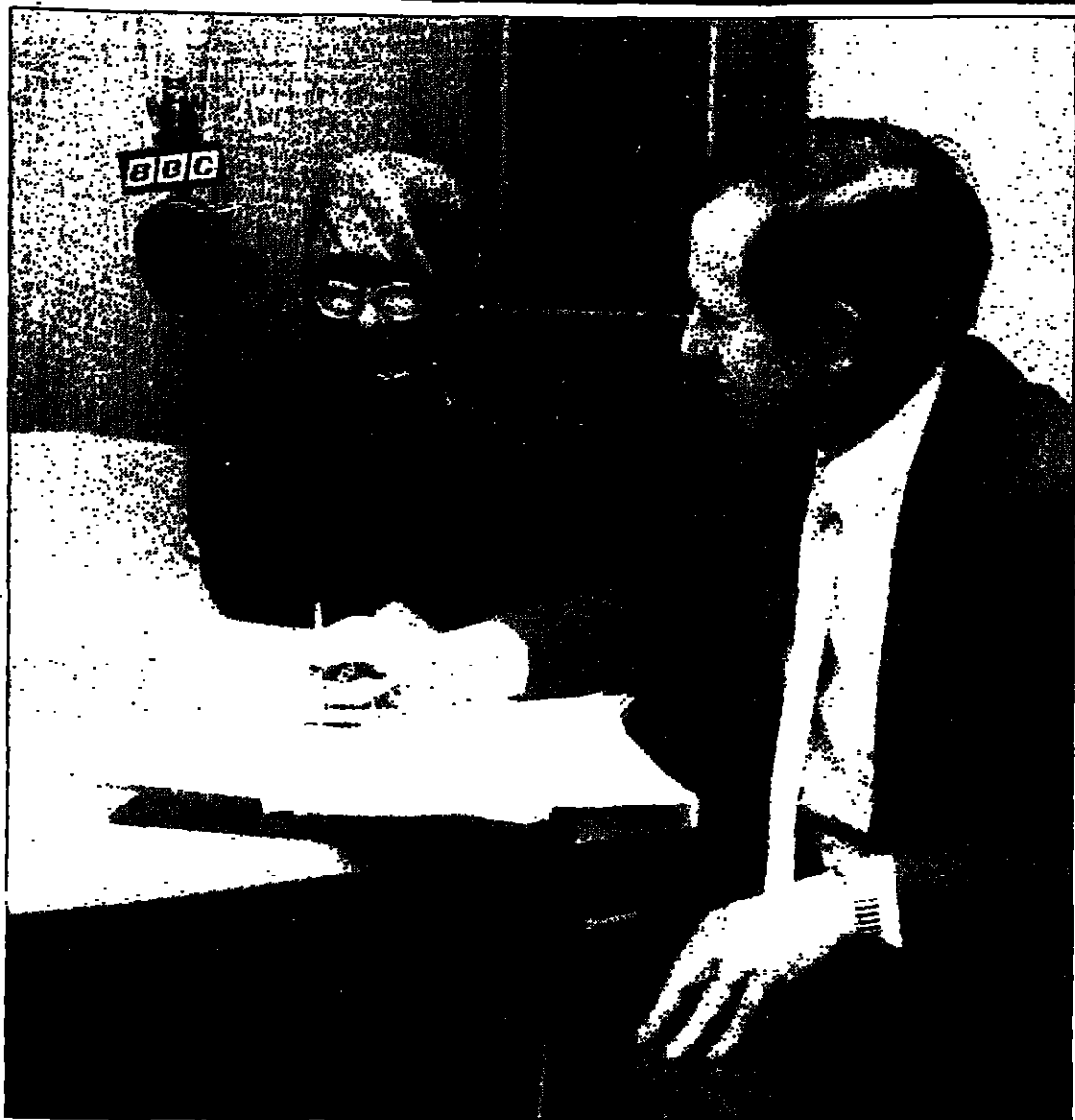
"We climbed up the ladder to the attic to see what was up there," said Mrs Vester, a Briton whose late husband Horatio was the grandson of the American colony's founder, Horatio Gates Spafford.

Spafford, a successful Chicago lawyer and church leader, lost his four children in a ship collision when he sent his family on a European vacation after the 1871 great Chicago fire.

The tragedy inspired Spafford to write the Protestant hymn "It Is Well With My Soul" and to found a religious retreat in Jerusalem in 1881 with his wife, Anna, and 14 other Americans.

The 40 panels that now cover the American Colony's walls tell the story of the retreat and hotel, as well as that of Jerusalem's surrounding tumult.





Lawyer Khaula Hassan talks to Professor John Bowker during the making of the BBC World Service series 'What Do Muslims Believe?' transmitting Sundays from 12 November.

## The BBC World Service examines the world of Islam

LISTENERS to the BBC World Service are of many different religions but many are Muslims. What Do Muslims Believe?, a new series beginning this month, is the World Service's first major examination of Islam. In the past ten years non-Muslim societies have been made aware, at times forcibly, just how diverse the religious, social and political understandings of the Islamic world are. Professor John Bowker, Dean of Trinity College, Cambridge sets out to tackle some of the misconceptions he believes many people have about Islam. The five programmes can be heard each Sunday from 12 November at 1401 and 2330 with further repeats on Mondays at 0630 (not on 648 kHz in the UK) and 1001 GMT.

"Another title for the series could be 'we speak for ourselves,'" said David Craig, Executive Producer Religion who himself read Arabic and Islamic studies at university. "For the first time Muslims explain in their own words just how divided they are, not just in religious understanding but across the whole spectrum from the role of women to education and science."

The religious output of the World Service is multi-faith and reflects its large non-Christian audience. What Do Muslims Believe? is just one of a number of religious series being broadcast during November.

These include Khomeini's Children a three-part series in which Roger Hardy presents a portrait of militant Islam and talks to Muslims in different parts of the Middle East.

Another is The Good Book, a 12-part investigation into the Bible by Brian Redhead. The Bible is central to the faith of over a thousand million Jews and Christians, and is the source of law and morality for many who have never read it. Brian Redhead's narrative takes out the preaching and puts all the excitement and drama back into some wonderful stories which are complemented by Readings from The Good Book.

Regular religious programmes broadcast on World Service include the weekly Focus on Faith, a fast-moving 30-minute look at the main religious news stories of the week. "This is very much a multi-faith programme," said David Craig, "and if we miss a major story on Buddhism, for example, we soon get letters from our Buddhist listeners telling us so. I don't take letters of complaint as criticism but as a way of telling just us who our audience is and what it expects," he added.

Other regular programmes are the weekly service In Praise of God and the daily Words of Faith. (BBC International Press Office)

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### MORNING

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety  
10.00 Around the World: Cartoon Serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)  
10.30 Fi Montasaf Al Lail:

Local Serial (Part 1), starring Khaled Al Nafess

11.30 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety  
12.00 Circus: Variety Programme  
12.30 News Summary  
12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

EVENING  
4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran

4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)  
4.45 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon serial  
5.15 Football lessons: Sports programme  
5.45 Night Chemists, Airlines and official Advertisements  
6.00 Al Islam Hadhara: Religious Serial (Part 4)  
7.00 Citizens and Housing: Local Programme, prepared by the National Housing Authority  
7.45 Television Network: local programme  
8.30 Good Evening and local news  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Tareq Min Al Sama: Arabic Serial (Part 4)  
10.45 Asal Wa Sokar: Arabic

play, starring Ahmed Bodair, Waheed Saif and Sahar Rami  
1.15 News in Summary  
1.20 The World Today via Satellite  
1.50 Holy Quran and Closedown

### KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran  
6.10 Volttron: A cartoon series for children  
6.30 Danger Bay "Fire Jumper" Jonah comes to terms with his life-long fear of fire  
7.00 On The Wings Of the Wind: New Zealand. In Auckland the "Aspasia Alpha" docks and waits to be

outfitted with a new set of sails. Meanwhile, the crew go on a voyage of discovery seeing Maori tribesmen.

8.00 News in English  
8.30 The Great Circuses of The World "14th Annual Monte Carlo Festival"

9.30 Wild Life On One: Blubber Lovers. A look at seals... Their behaviour, habits and how they defend themselves against sharks.

10.00 Cine Club presented by Farouk Abdulaziz: Agony. The story of the last years of the Russian Czarist court.

12.00 News in Brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

## Bharat Mela

AT last all those students who are patiently sitting at home, twiddling their thumbs and waiting for the Bharat Mela Competition results will be put at ease.

All of the winners listed below are requested to go to the Sharq Co-operative Society Auditorium on Nov 9, 1989 to receive their prizes. Smt A.K. Budhiraja, the wife of the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait will be the guest of honour at this happy occasion. The programme will start at precisely 6:00 pm.

### Music competition (vocal):

GROUP 1: 1st prize — Sree Priya Gopala Krishnan, Indian School, Salmiya.

2nd prize — Sahyan Appukuttan, Indian School, Salmiya.

3rd prize — Sabari Appukuttan, Indian School, Salmiya.

GROUP 2: 1st prize — Swapna Shree, Indian School, Salmiya.

2nd prize — Aruna Divakaran, Indian School, Mangaf.

3rd prize — Bilecy Mathai, New Indian School, Jabriya.

### Music competition (instrumental):

GROUP 1: 1st prize — Sumith E. Cherian, Carmel School.

2nd prize — Gershom Yesunesan, Indian School, Salmiya.

3rd prize — Anupama Alice Joseph, Indian School, Salmiya.

### GROUP 2:

1st prize — Malchija Yesunesan

2nd prize — Ishwar Kumar, Indian School, Salmiya

3rd prize — Anu Jose Sebastian, Indian School, Mangaf

### Consolation prizes for music competition (for underaged children):

1. Sanjeed Thomas Cherian, Carmel School.

2. Juli Mathews, Carmel School.

3. Uthra Gopala Krishnan, Indian School, Salmiya.

### Inter-School quiz competition:

1. Junior Section (winners): Senior Indian School, Salmiya (Team): Allstar D'Silva (top scorer); Rohit Thomas Kashy; Parthasarathy Srinivasan; Zean Zarina John; Vniha Dhulla  
2. Senior Section (winners): New Indian School, Jabriya (Team): Shafeeq (top scorer); Pawan Mehra; Kartika Perumal; Joe Cherian; Vinoo Sebastian.

### Fancy Dress competition

The following competitors are selected for the final appearance on 09/11/89 at 06.00 in the Sharq Co-operative Society Auditorium.

GROUP 1: Anil Gee Varghese, Indian School, Salmiya

Lincy and Paul, Carmel School

Leena Juma, Indian School, Fahaeel

Nishal Chandra Moha, Indian School, Salmiya

Ranjini Ashok Kumar, Indian School, Salmiya

Reni Paul Wadhwa, Carmel School

Sheeba Juma, Indian School, Fahaeel

GROUP 2:

Monika Baptista, Carmel School

Ruchi Rana, Indian School, Salmiya

Rashmi Ashok Kumar, Indian School, Salmiya

Subha Suresh, Indian School, Mangaf

Thomas Zachariah Moolayil, Indian School, Salmiya

Veena Annie Varghese, Indian School, Salmiya

GROUP 3 (Adults):

1st prize — Raju Thirunoolapuram

2nd prize — Moideen Chayathottam

3rd prize — T.K. Sulekha

Finally, the United Malayalee Organisation would like to the Director, the Principals and Staff and the students for their active participation in the events. All are invited to attend the final function on Nov 9 at the Sharq Co-operative Society. Admission is free.



Sunita Warriar, G.K. Nair and Abdul Khaliq.

## 'Mother' by Sunita Warriar

KERALA Writers' and Readers' Forum organised a special meeting at the Indian embassy auditorium on 3rd November — Friday evening in connection with the releasing of the book 'Mother' a collection of poems written by Sunita Warriar a teen-age poetess, hailing from Kerala and a student of Indian School, Salmiya.

The meeting was presided by Dr Nandakumar Moorkath and the book was released by Abdul Khaliq, the First Secretary of the Indian embassy, by presenting a copy of the book to G.K. Nair, a noted journalist and 'correspondent' to the Press Trust of India.

In his presidential address Moorkath lauded the young poetess for her stretch of imagination and its beauty in her poems. Congratulating the young poetess in achieving such high aesthetic heights at such a young

age, Abdul Khaliq said that the book contains a good galaxy of poems which show a fine taste of words, choice of expressions and a strength.

Speaking about the occasion Nair, remarked that a sweet sadness emanated through the course of time is the dominant note of many poems in Sunita's collection which is the essence of good poetry. It renders the delight and edification of the poetess' impact on the readers.

A detailed review of the book surveying and exploring the diverse elements of the whole body of the poems was made by P.M. Sudhakaran. The event was also marked with felicitations from R.V. Hyderali, Thomas Chittemham, Omilia Vijayakrishnan, Noorunnisa Hyderali and Lakshmi G. Panicker.

Sunita Warriar in reply to the

felicitations, said that she attributed a great deal to her English teacher, Dhantri Banerjee, who is responsible for moulding her, and thanked those present for encouraging her by sharing one of the happiest moments in her life.

The 'Kaviarangu' (poet's seminar) organised by Kerala Poets marked the occasion which was presided by Balan Nambiar, noted Malayalam writer. Thomas Chittemham has inaugurated the 'Kaviarangu' paying tributes to the budding poetess. Many poets from the Malayalee community retired to their own compositions and solemnised the occasion.

Abey Varikad, secretary Kerala Writers' and Readers' Forum made the welcome speech and N.V.K. Warriar, expressed a vote of thanks.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

#### Watercolour painting

LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Mills. New 8 week course in drawing and painting for adults. For details Tel: 5618847.

#### Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery, Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

#### Hobby centre

New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

### SOCIAL

#### Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a night to Celebrate Yuletide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under \$35 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market

and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

#### Narthana's Anarkali

As a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov 9. The popular historical story which took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted, passes available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/2461589/5643126.

#### Navelium feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navelium will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

#### Navelium Youth Centre

NOV 16: An annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

#### Daniella Bingo

NOV 15, 8 pm: Daniella invites all Danes to Bingo games at the Gazelle club. For reservations please call Inge on 3727690 ext 207 or Karen Marie on 3715146 before November 13.

#### Flassik's love drive

CANNED goods and second hand clothes are needed for Flassik's love drive. Blankets and winter wear are desperately needed for Flassik's welfare beneficiaries. Kindly contact any Flassik officer if you have any donations.

Flassik's Christmas Project FLASSIK invites everyone to its December project, a Christmas Carol Concert featuring the famous melodiously-talented Filipino Choir under its director Gilda Navarro.

#### Rock 'n' roll

NOV 22: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 provided by "High Spirits" at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite star of the era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

#### Magic Show

The Expatriate's Club present, for the first time in Kuwait, Marco — the International Magician who will perform his winning 1989 Award Show at the Granada Cinema on Thursday 9 November at 5 pm and Friday 10 November at 4 pm. Tickets, priced KD4, KD3 and KD2, are available at Raja Stores Tel: 2412970, Wilson Tel: 3918905 office hours and 3726038 home. Tony Tel: 5655056 after 5pm, Val Tel: 5614506 after 5pm and the Granada Cinema on the show day.

#### Get together

DEC 22: Southerners welcome you once again to a family get-together at Le Mirage Hall at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel at 10 am.

#### Naval visit

TWO Indian Naval Ships — INS Gomti, a frigate and INS Shakti — a tanker are scheduled to pay a goodwill visit to the State of Kuwait from November 9, to November 15, 1989. The ships will be berthed at Shuwaikha Sea Port and will be open to visit by members of the public on Thursday November 9, 1989 from 2 pm to 5 pm and on Friday November 10, from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. Entry passes may be collected from the Embassy of India, 34, Shara Istiglal, Bousheri Building, P.O. Box 1450 Safat, 13015 Safat, Kuwait, on Sunday (November 5, 1989) — 2 pm to 7 pm; Monday (November 6, 1989) — 9 am to 5 pm.

#### People's Trust Club

DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

#### Pianist wanted

KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmadji urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and perform-

mances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

#### Contact

THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10.00 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome. For more information call 3720197 or 4874513 or 5388105.

#### Witty Nite

On Friday November 10 at 3.30 pm KCWA will present Witty Nite at the Indian Arts Circle Funnitees. Gate passes are available at Golden Video 4314668, Raja Stores 2412470. For further information contact Charles Vas.

#### Carom tournament

PEOPLE'S Trust Club carom tournament for all Indians will be held on Nov 17 in Caravan's Restaurant, Fahd Al Salem Street, beside Hardees. Draw will be at Caravan's Restaurant at 9 am sharp.

#### Saleem Khan

MEET Pakistan's renowned Radio-TV Ghazal singer Saleem Khan on Friday, 17th November, at 6.30 at Ramada (ex-Marriott). Also enjoy the best food.

It is a beautiful get-together party, specially organised by Pakistan Arts Circle for families but single invitations are also available. (limited numbers).

The party is opened for all nationalities but invitations must be obtained before 15th or latest 16th November, 1989.

For invitations, please contact PAC's President (Tel. No. 5323693), Sr Vice-President (5717585) or Secretary, Public Relations (4716258).

#### Bengali dance drama

THE Bengali musical play "Nakshi Karthar Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladesh poet Jashimuddin will be staged again at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 10. For details please contact Tel. 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

#### Bob Marley Night

NOV 9: A tribute to the king of reggae will be held at the

Bneid Al Gar Sea Club Open Air Auditorium on Thursday, November 9, 1989 from 8 to 10.30 pm.

Steve Michael the lead vocalist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed by the Reggae Connection.

Tickets priced at KD3 are available on sale at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club — Tel: 2530388; Shaab Sea Club — Tel: 5640205; Bidaa Sea Club — Tel: 5731477 and Swan Lake recordings Tel: 5721030.

The concert, a repeat of the show held last November at the SAS Tent, is being arranged and presented by Phil Danielle and is open to all — families and singles.

#### Thalia Myers

NOV 15: Thalia Myers, a well known pianist will be giving a Piano Recital in the Mousetrap Theatre on Wednesday, November 15th at 8 pm. Tickets are KD4. Her repertoire will be music from Edwin Rozburgh, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Gabriel Jackson and Brahms.

For further information please contact Tel: 5313287 & 5313288 from 8 am — 2 pm, Saturday — Wednesday.

Nov 14: Thalia Myers, will be giving a Master Class for not more than 6 persons at KD5/- per person on Tuesday, November 14th from 4 pm — 6 pm at the New English School, Jabriya.

For further information please contact Tel: 5313287 & 5313288 from 8 am — 2 pm, Saturday — Wednesday.

#### Kuwait Goans

DEC 15: Annual children's X-mas tree function will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday, December 15, 89 from 9.30 am onwards. Lots of prizes and surprises awaits for one and all. Top Ranks in attendance.

To avoid disappointment call for your early bookings on 2413348.

#### Kuwait Welsh Society

A 'Nosen Lawen' will be held on 16th November, 1989 at 8 pm. New members welcome. For details ring 3713467 or

#### 3721383.

#### Punjabi Adabi Sangat

THE monthly meeting of Punjabi Adabi Sangat will be held in Abbasiya at 9.30 pm at the residence of Rashid Mewati. Dr Palwinder Singh Jathol and Baqi Ahmed Puri will present articles and poems respectively for criticism. Participating poets will recite their poems at the end of the meeting.

#### December Delights

DEC 8: Expatriates Club announces its Yuletide gala-social for children and adults at the SAS 'Tent' Hotel from 09.30 hours onwards. Gifts for all children, fancy dress, hamper prizes, lunch buffet, gifts, prizes and surprises from the sponsors and the club. Book early for table reservations. Wilson 3918938, Val 5614506 (after 4 pm) and Tony 5655056 (after 5 pm). Music by Stepping Stones.

Microwave Demonstration MASEELAH Trading Co. is holding two demonstrations for ladies on Sharp Microwave Ovens on 12th November, 1989 at the Maryam Room of Regency Palace Hotel. Yoshito Takahashi of Sharp Corporation, Japan will give special Microwave cooking demonstration and answer queries. The morning session will commence at 10 am and evening session at 6 pm. Admissions restricted. Free passes are available from Amal Tel: 2445040 ext 398.

#### Fiesta Extravaganza

The Filipino Cultural Club, in its continuous effort to pursue its commitment to promote goodwill, offer wholesome entertainment and carry out the club's objectives, will be staging Fiesta Extravaganza '89 (An FCC Christmas Special) on 8th December 1989, a Friday, at the plush Hotel Meridien from 5 pm. This 'year-end affair' will be presented by the FCC as a special way of thanking the club's friends, supporters and well-wishers for their continuous support and patronage. As the year 1989 comes to a close, FCC looks forward to being with you for

an enjoyable pre-Christmas get-together. Guests can look forward to another very entertaining evening — FCC style, with a sumptuous dinner and a special show for which the club has been widely reputed for. In addition, there will be a raffle draw featuring valuable prizes for many, as well as dancing for everyone's enjoyment.

Proceeds of the show will be used for the club's welfare projects and surely enough, your kind patronage will go a long way in helping the FCC with their commitment to the less privileged Filipinos in Kuwait.

A limited number of tickets are now available for KD5 at the following outlets: Philippine Gift Shop at the Souk Al Kabir and Mabuhay Restaurant at the Carlton Hotel. For more details, please contact Florence Delos Santos, Tel. 2439451 or 2436121; Tolis Matig-a, Tel. 2417766; Jun Sta. Maria and other members of the club.

### SPORTS

#### Open Badminton Tournament

IT is with great pleasure that we once again give this open invitation to all badminton players in Kuwait to take part in the annual Open Badminton Tournament.

The tournament will be held between Saturday, November 25th and Thursday November 30th, 1989 at the KOC Sports Centre Ahmadi.

Timings for each day's play will be as follows: Saturday 25th, November through Wednesday 29th November (1900 hrs to 2200 hrs.)

Finals and presentations on Thursday 30th November (1600 hrs to 2000 hrs). We hope to attract a large entry for this event before the closing date, which will be Wednesday, November 15th 1988 at 2200 hrs. Entry forms can be obtained from the KOC Sports Centre and Hubara Club receptions any day of the week or contact Ella Saliba on 3983172 (1600-2100 hrs).







## Benson and Hedges Management Challenge

## Nine regional champions take part in 2-day exercise

By M.C. Bose  
Business editor

THE managerial team of three executives from National Heaters Industries Co. of Oman, consisting of U. Asaihar, B. Menon and B. Bhat has won the Grand Final of the Benson and Hedges Management Challenge, held at Ashridge Management College in the UK on Nov 3 and 4. Nine regional champions took part in the two-day exercise.

Throughout the Benson and Hedges Management Challenge, all participants gain a great deal of valuable managerial experience, they learn the value of real-world competition and they all have fun in running their simulated companies.

In addition to all the experience they gain, and the distinction they achieve, the grand champions returned home with a portfolio of gold shares worth \$10,000 for each of them, and also the Benson and Hedges gold medal, minted of 22 carat gold by Spink & Co. of London, especially for the occasion. Other runners-up also received gold medals for their achievements.

The Emirates Bank International, from Dubai, came a close second, while Ernst and Whinney from Kuwait, a worthy third.

This is the sixth year that Benson and Hedges run this very successful competition and the team is led by Grant Bonar, Middle East marketing manager, who has been closely associated with the Challenge for a number of years.

The Management Challenge Grand Final organisers are Ian Clarke, who took over running the competition in July 1989, together with Brian Mathews from the marketing support department. The prizes were presented by Tony Liddle, personnel director for Benson and Hedges.

Ashridge Management College is one of the world's leading management centres. Every year, some 800 organisations send to Ashridge over 4,000 managers from all parts of the world. Ashridge College set and assess the stage 1 entry questionnaires and then appraise the results of the contestants at the Country and Grand Final stages.

Bob Thomas, a professor at Ashridge College, runs both the Country and Grand Finals and also debriefs the contestants on their performance afterwards. Bob Thomas has extensive inter-

national business experience and is a key member of the Management Challenge team.

This competition to find and reward the best management team among the Middle East countries involves the winner in competing over three stages, said Thomas.

He said at the Grand Final stage the nine winning teams meet for a full day and a half of play, enabling them to simulate managing a business for about three years. Again, the exercise is competitive, but much more complex than at the Country Finals stage. Much more sophisticated financial analysis is possible, and is encouraged. The value of effectively chosen and designed market research becomes clear. The importance of being able to understand and anticipate the behaviour of competitors is well demonstrated. Finally, in the debriefing there is the final opportunity to gain additional insights into how companies are valued in the real world.

"Throughout the three stages of the Benson and Hedges Management Challenge we have tried to combine learning, team building and fun. We believe that we have achieved this, and that, as a result, we have helped individuals, companies and the nations of the Gulf Co-operation Council improve their business skill," Bob Thomas said.

Jeremy Hall of Hall Marketing designs both the Country and Grand Final exercises, writes the software, runs the computer and advises on judging and interpretation of the results. Jeremy has twenty years unique experience in designing innovative management exercises and plays a vital role in the operation of the Management Challenge.

(FPP) are the advertising agency responsible for the media and PR side of the Management Challenge, headed by Chris McIlwraith and supported by Hanifa Dobson, a widely known media manager from the London-based office.

Representing the Dubai office, is Saleem Durrani, who is responsible for the media department in Dubai. The FPP team has been responsible for the Management Challenge since 1984 when the Management Challenge first took place, and has been supported by Adel Murad for the last two years in his capacity as press release co-ordinator.



Winners (from left to right) U. Asaihar, B. Menon, B. Bhat and J.A. Liddle.



Runners-up (from left to right) A. Sayed, M. Chawla, M. Menon and J.A. Liddle.



Ernst and Whinney, in third place (picture shows from left to right), N. Abid, Da Silva and D. Khillar.

Chris told the Arab Times the growth of managerial expertise among Arabs has increased considerably. He said a growing number of women participation is also equally vital aspect to be appreciated. "The downturn in the economy calls for greater expertise and managerial skill for Gulf companies to continue enjoying a profitable situation," Chris said.

During the early 1980's the slowing of the economic growth rate within the GCC states resulted in an increased level of competition, and a greater need for

sophisticated marketing and managerial skills.

Having spent many years devising a valuable management training scheme, Benson & Hedges identified the opportunity to utilise this resource to assist in the development of managerial skills relevant to the region. The concept of the Benson and Hedges Management Challenge was born.

This led to the need to identify a well-known professional college to assist us in developing and running the training

materials — and it was no accident that we chose Ashridge College in the UK. They are one of the world's largest business colleges who work annually with some 4,000 managers from companies all round the world. Discussions with Ashridge resulted in our involvement with Hall Marketing who have written and tested a number of computerised business simulation exercises (business games) specially tailored to represent the business environment being experienced in Arabian peninsula.

The objective of the Benson

and Hedges Management Challenge is to contribute to the developing business scene in the Middle East stimulating management to consider factors which are key to business success.

The winners of Grand Final were: U. Asaihar, B. Menon and B. Bhat of National Heaters Industries Co. LLC.

The runners up were: A. Sayed, M. Chawla and M. Menon of Emirates Bank International Ltd.

The prizes were presented by:

Tony Liddle, personnel director of Benson & Hedges.

Representatives of the press who attended the Grand Final were:

Dr. Sayed Anwar, Saudi Gazette/Okaz; Saudi Arabia; Guillermo Franco, Riyadh Daily, Saudi Arabia; Tawfiq Mansour, Al-Sayassah, Kuwait; Ahmad Al-Hodro, Al-Watan, Kuwait; M.C. Bose, Arab Times, Kuwait; K.P. Mohanan, Kuwait Times, Kuwait; Younis Faraj, Al-Ayam, Bahrain; Patrick Michael, Gulf Daily News,

Bahrain; Vallatheri B. Chandira, Times of Oman; Oman; Mohamed Al-Kumali, Al-Omaneya Group, Oman; Duleep George, Gulf Times, UAE; Burjor Patel, Khaleej Times, UAE; Fouad Hamad, Al-Bayana, UAE; Chuck Grievy, What's On, UAE; Jeffrey Malone, UAE Digest, UAE; K.A. Abraham, Al-Watan, Oman; George MacIntyre, Gulf Times, Qatar; Walid Jaffar, Libana, Pan Arab; Colin Miller, M.E. Travel; Pan Arab; and Kamal Daroui, Al-Idari, Pan Arab.

## Investors hope to clean up on pollution

BERGEN, Norway, Nov 7. (AP) There is money to be made in pure air and water, the founders of Norway's first Environmentalist Mutual Fund said today.

"Like the 1980s was the decade for computer investments, we believe the 1990s will be the decade for environmental investments," said Odd Rune Austgulen, board chairman of Miljøinvest A-S.

Company president Carlos Joly said by telephone that the fund will profit by investing in companies that specialise in solving or reducing environmental problems.

The open-ended fund hopes to attract 200 million kroner (\$29 million) in capital during its first year, he said.

"We set a minimum investment of 2,000 kroner (\$290), which ought to make it possible for most people to take part," Joly said.

Norwegian environmentalists said they would watch the fund closely. Stock analysts were reserved, according to newspaper reports.

Joly said ecology is good business because consumer demand for environmentally sound products is growing for and governments are imposing stricter anti-pollution rules.

The only domestic company approved by the fund is Tomra A-S, which makes recycling machines for bottles and cans, he said. Some of the first 10 million kroner (\$1.5 million) were placed in US, British, West German, Dutch and Japanese companies.

## Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.2985	0.3000
Sterling	0.4708	0.4745
DM	0.1645	0.1673
Sw. fr.	0.1839	0.1857
F. fr.	0.0476	0.0483
It. lira	0.002208	0.002222
Yen	0.0020703	0.0021038
B. dollar	0.73239	0.73628
UAE dir.	0.08135	0.08172
S. riyal	0.07965	0.08003
Q. riyal	0.08205	0.08247
O. riyal	0.77993	0.77963

Inflation up 13.44pc  
Philippines looks for Canadian investment

TORONTO, Nov 7. (UPI) President Corason Aquino of the Philippines, who began a North American tour over the weekend, yesterday encouraged Canadian business leaders to use her country as a gateway to the lucrative Asian market.

Aquino, who arrived in Toronto Sunday as part of a three-day Canadian visit, said the Philippines welcome investment, asserting that dictatorship and economic turmoil have been replaced by democracy and economic stability.

"The Philippines is the gateway to Asia," Aquino told a

conference of Canadian business and financial leaders.

"You can go to Asia and step into a totally alien environment or go to the Philippines, be at home in an English-speaking nation, with an honest and hard-working people, and still be right in the heart of the most dynamic region of the world."

Aquino said she had asserted control over the military, and had routed extremists on the political left and right.

At a luncheon, she repeated free-market themes she discussed earlier in the day with Canadian bankers and businessmen.

"We have unleashed free market forces, and returned the economy to the private sector as the leading engine of growth," Aquino said, adding the result was "four successive years of economic growth" and a "much improved business climate."

"The core of these reforms was the liberalization of trade, the freeing of market forces, the abolition of monopolies and privileges, and the retraction of the government from the economy," she said.

Aquino acknowledged the heavy debt of her country was a prime concern but said a combina-

tion of "voluntary debt reduction" and new strategies devised with commercial creditors have provided "new money and efficient debt reduction that would cover the external financing requirements of the Philippine economy for the next two years."

The government said inflation reached 13.44 per cent in the Philippines last October, the highest recorded under the three-year-old government of President Aquino.

It compares with 12.61 per cent in September and 7.76 per cent a year ago.

## Agreement reached for expanded US-Japan air service

WASHINGTON, Nov 7. (UPI) The transportation department outlined yesterday an agreement to provide a major increase in air services between the United States and Japan.

The agreement, reached Sunday, calls for expanded passenger and cargo service between the two nations in an effort to satisfy a growing need for more capacity among US and Japanese airlines.

"If you have tried to get to Japan lately, the flights are chock-a-block. There is a desperate need for more capacity," said Jeff Shane, the depart-

ment's assistant secretary for international affairs.

Shane told reporters the US-Japan market is the largest revenue-producing for US airlines, growing at an annual rate of 20 per cent. Cargo traffic between the two nations has grown at a 30 per cent annual rate.

The agreement will allow an additional 15 US cities to receive new or expanded service to Japan. Shane said a number of cities have expressed interest in the routes, although he declined to identify them.

The pact, which must be approved

by the State Department, would allow US airlines to operate 49 new flights weekly to Japan and gives Japanese cargo carriers 51 new flights to the United States.

US cargo carriers would be granted an additional 14 flights, while Japanese cargo carriers would receive about 10 new routes to the United States.

US air carriers currently operate 151 flights weekly from the United States to Japan. Japanese airlines operate 94 flights to the United

States. US cargo carriers now fly 39 flights weekly to Japan, compared with 27 flights weekly by Japanese cargo carriers.

The agreement would permit US carriers to fly to Japanese cities other than Tokyo and Osaka from three US cities, as yet to be decided. Japanese airlines will be allowed to operate new passenger and cargo services from Tokyo to three additional US cities.

Shane said he expects the new routes will be in service by Oct. 1, 1990.

## Airbus clinches two new customers

AIRBUS Industrie has gained two new customers, boosting its order books for the long-range A340 and the A300-600R.

The French carrier UTA is to buy 12 A340s, placing six firm orders and taking six options. It will be the first airline to take delivery of the longer range version of the A340-300 when it receives the first of its ordered airliners in October 1992.

UTA plans to use the aircraft to replace DC-10s on its routes to Africa, Singapore and South East Asia. Ultimately UTA and its subsidiaries intend to operate a fleet of up to 18 A340s.

Configured in a long-range three-class layout, the UTA aircraft will be powered by CFM International CFM56-5C2

engines. The very long-range, four engine Airbus A340, launched as a joint programme with the twin-engine medium long-range A330 in June 1987, is due to make its maiden flight in mid-1991. It has a range of up to 14,000 km and can seat between 262 and 295 passengers in a standard three-class layout, depending on the version.

Airbus Industrie managing director Jean Pierson said: "The contract signed between UTA, a purely long-range operator, and Airbus Industrie clearly demonstrates how far we have come in developing a complete product range. Only by expanding our family of aircraft could we respond to all airline needs regard-

ing the composition of their fleets and hence win access to new markets."

To date, 26 customers have committed themselves to 386 Airbus A330s and A340s, of which 142 are firm orders.

Meanwhile, the American company, Polar Air Cargo Leasing, has become a new Airbus Industrie customer by signing a contract for five Airbus A300-600Rs. They are to be leased to the new Australian carrier, Compass Airlines.

The airline is the first to announce plans to operate the A300-600R in Australia, where it will be the largest aircraft serving the domestic market. Compass will take delivery of the first of

the aircraft after the deregulation of Australian aviation routes in November 1990.

"Deregulation presents a wonderful opportunity for expanding the Australian domestic market and the Airbus A300-600R is a great aircraft for reducing costs, which is why we have chosen it to launch our airline," said Compass chief executive, Bryan Grey.

He added: "The Airbus A300-600R has the lowest seat-mile costs of any aircraft in its class for our operation and has the capacity to operate Sydney to Perth direct."

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## Museum exhibits ancient toiletries

THE ancient world's femmes fatales spent a fortune on perfumes, and the vanity of at least one Biblical king can be measured by the size of his bathtub.

The lavishness of the ancients' royal boudoir and bath will be on display starting Nov 14 in a museum exhibition of an ancient 1,000-piece collection of toiletries.

Blown-glass eyeliner kits, jewel-studded makeup palettes, polished bronze mirrors, gold hairpins, faience cosmetic boxes. Among the collection is an ivory cosmetic spoon that once held the eyeshadow of Jezebel, the 9th century BC queen whose name became a synonym for a wicked, scheming woman. There is also the only surviving juglet of balsam, the favourite scent of the Egyptian Queen Cleopatra.

Cosmetics in antiquity appealed at first to both men and women. Over the centuries, cosmetics became more used by women, said Michel Dayagi-Mendes, curator of Biblical archaeology and organizer of the exhibit.

She said cosmetics were used as a means to colour the faces of gods to make them appear less cold and remote. Soon, priestly attendants adopted the colourings and ultimately so did ordinary people.

In the hot, dry climate of the Middle East, cosmetics also served a medical purpose.

"Wearing makeup repelled the little flies that caused inflammation of the eyes. Also, eyeshadow took the place of sun glasses, reducing the glare," she said.

Like their modern counterparts, ancients squandered vast sums on pampering themselves, indulging in cosmetic fads that were sometimes silly and sometimes harmful.

Ancient Egyptians used a reddish ochre makeup over the entire face. Romans lightened their faces with a powder made from crocodile excrement. Greek women used a finely ground lead to turn their faces white and spent hours in the sun to bleach their hair.

The Greeks were aware that the lead caused great damage, but beauty was above everything else," Dayagi-Mendes said.

In hairstyle, Roman women went to great extremes to braid and curl their hair and many wore wigs.

But the "greasy look" was in, mainly because oil was used to combat lice. The pests and more than 80 lice eggs were found, for example, on a 2,000-year-old wooden comb recovered recently from the Qumran caves near the Dead Sea.

Nero's wife Poppaea was especially extravagant.

"Every day she took a bath in asses' milk. When she was finally banished from Rome, she was allowed to take 50 asses with her just to make sure she could have her daily milk bath," said Dayagi-Mendes.

Her bath did not survive, but that of Herod the Great was retrieved a few years ago from his ruined Kypros winter palace near Jericho. The 1.5-ton, two-metre-long (more than 6 feet) slabbed bathtub is a monument to the grandiose style of one of the ancient world's great builders and architect of the second Jewish temple.

"The man obviously had good taste and enjoyed all the luxuries," she said, pointing to the regal tray where oils and lotions once rested on the side of the tub.

The costliest luxury in the ancient world, however, was perfume, and the most famous variety, was balsam, made from a now-extinct tree that once grew on the edges of the Dead Sea.

To please Cleopatra, the Roman general Anthony acquired a whole orchard of the precious balsam trees near Jericho so the Egyptian queen would always have a supply of her favourite fragrance, which cost twice as much as silver.

Calling it "serpent's poison," sages of the talmud recount that the daughters of occupied Jerusalem put balsam in their shoes and, on seeing attractive young men, clicked their heels to release the fragrance as a lure.

Today, the only surviving balsam is a 40-gram (1.5 ounce) flask covered in palm matting that has lost all its allure. Only a smelly, oily scent remains in the padded box where it is kept.

"It must have been sweet, heavy and oily. It was their taste, but you can't say more," said Dayagi-Mendes.

To give museum goers a whiff of the past, Dayagi-Mendes has enlisted the help of experts to recreate a fragrance similar to the ones in Biblical times.

"I used all the plants mentioned in the Bible in connection with perfumes and scented ointments," she said.

## Prize-winning Japanese director backs away from his themes

# Teshigahara makes comeback after 17 years

HIROSHI TESHIGAHARA, a Japanese director of the prize-winning film "Woman in the Dunes," has broken a 17-year cinematic silence.

His new movie, "Rikyu," is an historical drama about 16th century Japanese tea-ceremony master, Sen No Rikyu, who gained so much influence that he was ordered by a jealous warlord to commit suicide.

Along the years, Teshigahara has backed away from his themes of loneliness and absurdity in modern society in favour of beauty and perfection in traditional arts, a surprise to his movie followers.

"I wanted to introduce Japanese culture, its sensitivity and its aesthetics to people both in this country and abroad," he said in an interview.

About his new film, the grey-haired director said: "not only did Rikyu build tea houses, combining all kinds of arts, but invited guests for spiritual communication. The art has not lost its fresh radiance after 400 years."

In the film, the genius of the tea-master, who searched for perfect beauty, is pitted against the power-hunger of warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi, who unified Japan and ruled the country for seven years.

Hideyoshi's wrath came to a head when thought Rikyu was trying to obtain political influence by his attempts to dissuade him from attacking China.

"The film is also a criticism of current politics in Japan," said

the 62-year-old Teshigahara. As Hideyoshi failed to grasp people's sentiment about embarking on a difficult war with China, there seems to be many politicians who don't understand what the populace thinks."

Teshigahara did not skimp on funds in his efforts to show the beauty of Japanese art and crafts in their 16th century heyday.

He spent about two billion yen (\$14 million) on the production of the film, which is being translated into English and will be shown abroad early next year.

Teshigahara said he became fascinated by Sen No Rikyu through the study of pottery and traditional Japanese arts.

"Though Japan has become one of the richest nations on earth, it is frowned on by

everyone else," he said. "It has failed in communication."

"Japan has put too much stress on economics, while ignoring cultural aspects," he said.

From 1972, after shooting "Summer Soldiers" about American deserters in the Vietnam war, Teshigahara confined his activities to the traditional arts of pottery and flower arrangement.

The eldest son of Sofu Teshigahara, who established the "Sogetsu" flower arrangement school in the 1920s, Teshigahara succeeded his father in 1980 to lead the more than 60,000 adherents around the world.

"I would like to do many different things, not only making films," he said.



Teshigahara (right) talks with one of his star actors, Tsutomu Yamazaki. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Dunaway returns to Hollywood

# Starting all over again

AT 48, Faye Dunaway, having returned to her native land after several years in exile in London, seems to have borrowed a page from her book of President George Bush: She is looking for a kinder, gentler image.

"For some reason," she complains as she prowls the corridors of Los Angeles' Century Plaza Hotel & Tower looking for her driver, who seems momentarily to be misplaced, "with the old star machine, after 'Bonnie and Clyde' I became very urban, very sophisticated. I can do all that, it's very easy for me to do, but the deepest river of experience in me is the vulnerability and spirit of the South. Love Simpson and Bonnie Parker were the closest to me I've ever played."

Love Simpson is the unlikely name of the heroine of Cold Sassy Tree, a movie she stars in. The film is produced for Turner Network Television and was aired on Oct 16. Set in turn-of-the-century Cold Sassy, Ga., it tells the story of a May-December romance between the Yankee milliner Simpson and the proprietor of the general store, one E. Rucker Blakeslee played by Richard Widmark. Their marriage scandalizes the town — it occurs just three weeks after the death of Blakeslee's first wife — and causes its citizens to ostracize the new bride.

For Simpson it is a marriage of convenience; a deep, dark secret in her past has left her unable and unwilling to trust or love any man. But it all comes right in the end; it's one of those stories to which descriptions such as warm, real and life-affirming could be aptly applied. Not qualities one might be quick to associate with the Dunaway of old: Remember the brittle investigator of The Thomas Crown

Affair (1968), the tough, enigmatic manipulator of Chinatown (1974), the harridan producer of Network (1976) and the deranged movies star Joan Crawford of Mommie Dearest (1981). In those days, Dunaway was diamond-hard and calculating, with about as much vulnerability as Joan Collins' Alexis Carrington at her worst.

So what has changed? Well, at 39, while married to English photographer Terry O'Neill and living in Britain, she had a son Liam (now aged 9). That, she says, has made an enormous difference.

"Having Liam was a great leveller for me," she explains. "Children give you another chance. You're able to see this sort of wonderful, creative spirit and it's similar to what I'm doing in my work. It loosens you and helps you focus outside yourself on something that's more important... and that's always good."

She even looks different: She's thinner and her hair is in soft curls. She still wears the wide, Crawford power shoulders under her white linen jacket, but with a soft, toffee-coloured silk blouse and a matching silk scarf knotted loosely around her throat she seems less voluptuous, more sensual and considerably less commanding than she normally does on film. She is, however, still driven.

Her five years spent in voluntary exile from the United States kept her out of the public eye — except for an occasional foray onto the London stage — at what could have been a very productive time in her career. Since her return from London two and a half years ago her only film appearance was in Barfly (1987) with Mickey Rourke, in which she played a falling-down, down-

and-out, blowsy drunk.

"It was a deliberate thing on my part," she says, stating the obvious. "People thought I was always this glamorous lady on screen. It was like a gift from God, a chance to de-glamorize and be vulnerable again, which was very much what some of my earlier work was about. I had reached a stage in my career where I thought I wasn't touching the stuff I was happiest with: femininity and softness, humour and sensuality and all of that. I was getting typecast as a sort of manicured toughie. I was getting backed into the corner."

Since then she's been making up for lost time. She has recently finished three films in a row: a co-starring role in Wait Until Spring Bandini opposite Joe Montegna, about a woman who wants to seduce someone and doesn't quite know how. It's a kind of sweet, delicate, humorous story; The Handmaid's Tale with Robert Duvall, Aidan Quinn and Natasha Richardson; and, a fascinating excursion for her, As Long As It's Love for the eccentric, Italian director Lina Wertmuller, a contemporary story about AIDS, with Rutger Hauer and Nastassja Kinski.

"I was interested in the subject," Dunaway says, "and I wanted to be part of what Lina had to say about it. She's a wonderful director."

As if that wasn't enough, she has her next three projects lined up and ready to go. The frantic activity, she makes clear, shouldn't be interpreted to mean she feels she wasted those years.

"I wanted to come back before I did," she admits, "but I came back as soon as it was appropriate." (She may be referring to her and O'Neill's decision to divorce. He was her second

husband; her first was musician Peter Wolf. She also sustained long-term relationships with photographer/director Jerry Schatzberg and actors Marcello Mastroianni and Harris Yulin.) She simply finally accepted the fact, she explains, that her future lay in her native land. "I turned down a Fulbright to study at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London in favour of a charter membership at Lincoln Centre because, after all, I'm an American actress. And while I wouldn't give up my years over there for anything — I think it was very valuable for me to get out of the limelight and out of the race and just concentrate on my own private life for a while — I was anxious to get back because this is my home. This is where I work."

To any suggestion that a lot of the rather driven Dunaway of yore remains, she is adamant. "No, no. Work is like Everest, it's just there. I work hard, sure. I'm interested in creating my own opportunities, but scripts have come to me and they're interesting, with interesting people, so I do them. But I'm not driven. I'm having a good time."

The mellowing of Dunaway has taken a long time. The imperious movie star — and nobody of her generation could do it better — has not entirely disappeared. When she finally locates her offending chauffeur she informs him in no uncertain terms of her displeasure.

"I think I'm totally different to my earlier days," she insists. "I think I've grown. You do find people who don't change and don't improve for the better, but I've done a lot of work on myself. I think I've come to a much greater balance in my life, with my son and my private life."

The latest from Korea, just arrived in Kuwait.

# Daewoo & Alghanim introduce Racer 1990 the "right" car for Kuwait's market

Mr. Bassam Yousuf Alghanim and Mr. G. W. Park, Executive Managing Director of Daewoo Motors, Daewoo Delegate and Korean Ambassador Mr. B.Y. Soh held a press conference at the Daewoo stand...

the association between Alghanim and Daewoo. He said that Alghanim takes great pride in introducing Racer 1990, the "right" car for Kuwait.

Mr. Park touched on the partnership of Daewoo and Alghanim, making the debut of Racer 1990 possible in Kuwait. Park thanked Alghanim and expressed the wish for continuing success in the future.

The Minister of Commerce & Industry visited the stand and participated in the unveiling of the car, together with the Korean Ambassador, Mr. Soh.

The Daewoo stand in the 1990 Motor Show is a state-of-the-art presentation. One whole wall creates a sweeping panorama of a beautiful Korean scene. Parts of the mural are built in relief to give a 3-dimensional effect, which adds a stunning degree of depth and clarity to the overall wall painting. On the adjacent wall is a video show, on which the Racer 1990 can be seen going through its driving paces. The Daewoo stand is truly unique and well worth a visit.

The Racer has been designed to meet the demands of international technology for the next decade. It passes all current American standards for performance and safety. This car is a perfect combination of well-known German engineer-



Racer 1990-2 Door

ing and precision quality. Specifications include: 1.5 liter engine, 4 cylinders, power steering, power windows and locks, AM/FM stereo ETR cassette, with sunroof optional.

The Alghanim facilities available for purchase of Racer 1990 include: Free two year comprehensive insurance. No down payment. No guarantor and

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Daewoo has large production facilities to manufacture quality automotive components and parts. The cars and the parts are designed to meet all current US and GCC standards for performance and safety, as well as the new standards projected for the 90's.



Racer 1990-4 Door



## Fame put to good use

## Hepburn helps the needy kids

**AUDREY HEPBURN** knows what it's like to go hungry.

As a child in Nazi-occupied Holland, she suffered severe malnutrition.

But that is not the only reason she became a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), a tireless spokeswoman for the underprivileged children of the world.

"My childhood made me receptive to the ravages of war, violence and hunger and gave me the urge to do something," the British actress said.

"But some people are more sensitive to suffering and deprivation than others and my family was always involved in charity," Hepburn added on return from her latest field trip to Bangladesh.

Born in Brussels in 1929, the daughter of the British father and a Dutch mother, Hepburn spent her childhood in Arnhem and developed a serious case of oedema due to malnutrition during the "hunger winter" of 1944-45.

**Travel**  
"I received food aid at the end of the war so I have known about Unicef most of my life and can testify what it means to children," she said.

Hepburn, who lives near Lausanne and starred in such classics as *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *My Fair Lady* and *Roman Holiday*, became a goodwill ambassador for the UN body in March 1988.

Constant travel in often difficult conditions has not aged her. Gracefully tall and slim, her unwrinkled skin and natural distinction belie her 60 years.

During the past 18 months she has spent more than four months touring Unicef development projects in a dozen countries including Ethiopia, Sudan, El Salvador and Venezuela and touring rich countries to persuade them to help the children of less developed nations.

I try to raise the awareness on the plight of millions wounded,

maimed or hungry children who desperately need help," the actress said, smoking as she relaxed in an armchair.

**Relief**  
After her first trip to drought-stricken Ethiopia last year, she flew to Washington and successfully pleaded with Congress to increase US relief contributions.

As a goodwill ambassador Hepburn joined other personalities who devote some of their free time to promoting children's care. They include Peter Ustinov, Harry Belafonte and Liv Ullmann.

"Now that my children have grown up and I am no longer involved in films I have plenty of time for Unicef," she said in response to a question on why she appeared more frequently than other famous Unicef ambassadors in galas, charities and fund raising television programmes.

She accepted enthusiastically when Unicef director James Grant offered to make her a goodwill ambassador.

**Fame**  
"Being famous is a marvellous advantage and I thought why not put my fame to good use."

Hepburn gave up full-time acting in 1967 in order to bring up her children and has only appeared in small roles since then. Her last appearance was in Peter Bogdanovich's *They All Laughed* in 1981.

"I had a wonderful time but I don't miss my film career," said Hepburn who accepted a small part in US director Steven Spielberg's latest film *Always* which is due out at the end of the year — "just for fun."

She wants to go next month to the Philippines to try to help the children of Manila's infamous rubbish dump. "I am obsessed by the problem of street children and I could help at least some of them," she said.

Because Unicef relies exclusively on voluntary government and private contributions Hepburn is totally dependent on the goodwill of airlines and hotels.



Elephant manicure

Shamba, a three-tonne elephant gets a manicure from keeper Harry Maiter before a parade on Brussels' Grand Place Nov 6. The parade is a part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of a trade treaty between Tunisia and Belgium. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Computer disc stores brain

## Final indignity to man

**IN** what may be the final indignity of man, companies are asking retiring workers to leave their brains behind, stored on a computer disk.

Using a process called "expert system," developed by Texas Instruments Inc. of Dallas, they are picking the brains of longtime employees and storing the lore and nuances of their jobs on floppy disks.

Richard Herrod of Texas Instruments, an expert in artificial intelligence, said not everyone is a candidate for a floppy disk job. The best prospects are people who know more about a particular job than anyone else.

"You build an expert system when you have a significant specialised knowledge that exists only in a few people's heads and is acquired through years of experience," said Herrod, who recently attended the Instrument Society of America's annual conference in Philadelphia.

Herrod developed one of his first expert systems for Campbell's Soup Co., where Aldo Cimino, an employee with 46 years of experience in the soup sterilization process, was

about to retire. Cimino was the trouble-shooter for the 72-foot-high (62-m) sterilizers where 68,000 cans of soup are heated to 250 degrees (120°C).

"If one of those breaks down, you're up to your ears in bad soup," said Herrod. "So when there was a problem the people at the plant couldn't fix, they'd call in Aldo," Herrod said. "He had a lot of little tricks and knew how to figure out the problem."

Cimino, who worked at the company's Camden, New Jersey, headquarters, said he was apprehensive when his boss asked him to put everything he knew about his job on a computer disk.

"At first I thought 'Oh my God, they're going to get rid of me,'" said Cimino. "But then I realised that I was 64 years old and getting ready to go anyway. They just wanted to save some of what I knew."

"It felt weird at first," he said. "But I got used to it. It's like I felt a piece of myself at that plant."

It took seven months for a team of engineers to pump 46 years worth of knowledge from Cimino and store it on floppy disk. When they were finished, Cimino retired. He said the company didn't pay him any more money for picking his brain.

"I never made a dime, but I'm not complaining. The company always treated me good," he said.

Campbell's now has a floppy disk that serves as permanent consultant when there is a trouble with the cookers.

"Now when something goes wrong with a sterilizer, the maintenance people can stick a floppy disk into an IBM PC, call up the expert system, and interact with it much like they were dealing with Aldo on the phone," Herrod said.

But Cimino said the computer knows only about 85 per cent of what he does.

"I picked up a lot of information over the years," he said. "There are certain things that have never gone wrong with the cookers that the computer won't know how to fix. There's always going to be a human factor."

## Sekoto earns accolades

## SA's finest black artist

**A**FTER more than four decades of self-imposed exile, South Africa's leading black artist still refuses to come home, despite the belated acclaim of his country's white-dominated cultural establishment.

A major retrospective exhibition of work by Gerard Sekoto, Doyen of black South African painters, opened on Wednesday to critical acclaim at Johannesburg art gallery.

But the 75-year-old mission teacher's son, who has lived in France since 1947, is happy to let his oils and watercolours of black township life speak for themselves.

"I am very pleased about the exhibition. But I have no plans to come back home. This is where I live now," Sekoto said in a telephone interview from a home for retired artists on the outskirts of Paris.

Sekoto's art, with its unconventional use of colour and composition, has inspired a generation of modern African artists and has earned him a significant place in the conservative establishment which he felt he had to flee.

Partly because of his long exile, Sekoto has not received the recognition in his country that he deserves," said painting curator Leslie Spiro, who is responsible for staging the Johannesburg exhibition.

Sekoto said that his decision to leave his homeland a year before the National Party came to power and formalised apartheid rule was not purely political.

"I felt a little out of place being the only well-known black artist. I was rather isolated because of the apartheid situation," said Sekoto.

"I had to come to Europe where I could be together with other artists and where there was no colour bar," he said.

"I am not a political exile. I came on my own to stay here and had never dreamed of gold, except of spiritual gold, at all costs," Sekoto once wrote.

Es'kia Mphahlele, professor of literature at Johannesburg's Witwatersrand University and a close friend, said that the political climate contributed to



Sekoto works on a painting in his studio at 'maison des artistes' (Reuters wirephoto)

Sekoto's decision to leave.

Mphahlele, who himself spent years in exile, said it had taken the South African establishment as long as Sekoto's exile to realise that white could not carry the full weight of the country's political, economic or cultural development.

"Gerard wanted space to develop as an artist and as a human being," he told a predominantly white audience at the exhibition opening.

Sekoto received a minimum of formal art training during his education at an Anglican mission and then later white training himself as a mission teacher.

In 1938, he abandoned his teaching career and decided to concentrate on art, moving at the same time from rural Transvaal province to Johannesburg.

What are considered his finest works were created during the next decade, colourful and sometimes idealised depictions of life in the poor black areas of

Johannesburg, Cape Town and Pretoria.

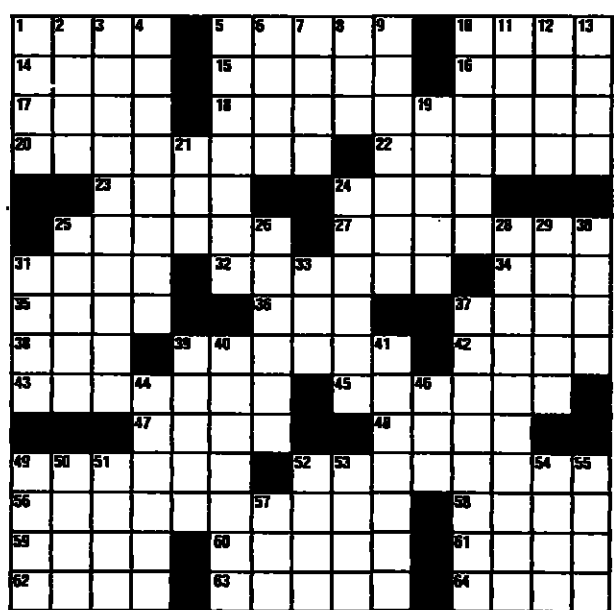
The squalor of these areas now bulldozed under the Pretoria government's apartheid policies of forcibly removing blacks from white areas, is absent from Sekoto's paintings. Only the life and the animation shine through.

His bold and sometimes experimental use of colour, which reflects his lack of formal training, received favourable reviews when he first exhibited. Ten years later he had scraped enough money together to afford his passage to Europe.

He continued to concentrate on African subjects after leaving the continent, but the influence of European schools, from cubism to abstract, started to become evident in his work.

Despite Sekoto's huge influence on African art, he has come back only once to the continent and he has never again set foot in the country of his birth.

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  - Fetid
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  - Dynamites
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  - Target for Gooden
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  - A lack of red blood cells: Var.
  - Blunders
  - Caretaker for baby
  - Paper size
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  - Make do, with "out"
  - "Got to Be Me"
  - Arab chieftains
  - Hawaii's state bird
  - Sure
  - Sheathing bract
  - Nest eggs: Abbr.
  - Brainstorm
  - Fits with resolution
  - Out of the ordinary
  - Gardner's sleuth
  - Devilkins
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  - Bring into agreement
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  - An acid salt
  - "Heidi" locale
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  - Place of worship
  - Diamond —
  - Etonians' mothers
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  - Spillane sleuth
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AKQ93 ♥A5 ♦K109 ♣874

What is your opening bid?  
A.—We have a problem opening one spade—how are we going to tell partner we have a 16-18 point hand that is essentially balanced? Our choice would be to open one no trump, a bid that would be every-one's choice were the black suits reversed.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK6 ♥KQ10543 ♦85 ♣A6

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?  
A.—You have a hand worth almost eight playing tricks, and no simple overall is going to show that many potential winners. The way to describe your hand is to double now and then bid hearts as cheaply as possible at your next turn.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠76 ♥3 ♦AQ1093 ♣KQJ42

The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
?

What do you bid now?  
A.—You have found an eight-card trump fit! Partner must have at least a six-card suit to jump to three spades, and you have two spades and a ruffing value. Bid four spades, even if partner's bid is merely invitational. Four clubs only confuses the issue.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AQ74 ♥7 ♦J8753 ♣1096

Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?  
A.—Your first obligation is to try to locate a 4-4 major fit, and the way to do that is to respond one spade. If partner doesn't raise, you can take preference to diamonds at your next turn.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AQ743 ♥J875 ♦7 ♣1096

Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?  
A.—You have already located an adequate trump suit. Since you have the values for a forward-going bid, the obvious response is a raise to two hearts, suppressing your five-card spade suit. Bid one spade initially and there is no way you can express your liking for partner's hearts without an injudicious overbid.

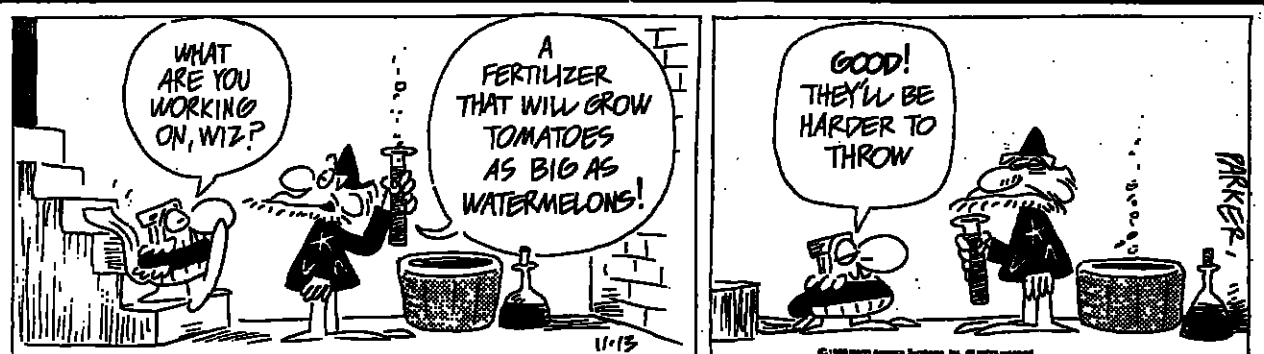
Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠753 ♥64 ♦K75432 ♣84

Partner opens the bidding with two no trump. What do you respond?  
A.—Regardless of whether your range is 21-22 or 23-24, it all depends on partner's hand. If opener has a three-card holding in diamonds headed by the high honor, nine tricks could be easy. But if he has only two diamonds, even eight tricks could be out of reach. In situations of this sort, go for the gusto! Raise to three no trump.

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## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries</b> (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You should try to do what is the most important first thing in the morning. Try not to allow your daydreams to run away with you. Make a few changes. Be a little more cautious.</p>	<p><b>Cancer</b> (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should not say something that is not true, nor should you exaggerate what is true. Try to see things from the other person's point of view too. Be sensible.</p>	<p><b>Libra</b> (Sept 22 - Oct 22)</p> <p>If you have eaten more than you should yesterday eat a little less today, or vice-versa. You will be able to make good progress if you keep at it. Do not allow others to become a nuisance to you. Be loyal.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn</b> (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You will be able to make good progress with a project very much to your liking. There will be a good opportunity but you are likely to miss it. Do not worry, there will be another one soon. Be generous.</p>
<p><b>Taurus</b> (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You should keep calm even when faced with someone who is excitable. Try to avoid spending too long time in one position. Give your partner a pleasant surprise. Be tolerant.</p>	<p><b>Leo</b> (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You are more liable to make mistakes so watch out for them. You should discuss matters with your partner before taking any action. Try to look on the funny side of things. Be less arrogant.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p>Listen more attentively and do not think you know all the answers. Make sure you are not spending more than you can afford. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 37. Look a little further beneath surface appearances. Be responsive.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b> (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You will be able to deal with a practical matter, but only if you do not daydream. Do not dwell too much on work to the detriment of your private life. Make sure you meet your commitments. Be fair.</p>
<p><b>Gemini</b> (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>Do not get too upset if some small detail goes a little awry. You will be able to remedy the situation before it gets much worse. Do not let yourself be deceived. Be tactful.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>There will be some conflicts but you will be able to deal with or resolve them. You should not try to do too many things all at one time. Take a little better care of your health. Be less negligent.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b> (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>Something you feared might happen will not. Indeed it appears that the worst is behind you. You should not be too quick about making a choice. Weigh the alternatives up carefully. Be moderate.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b> (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will feel a little better than late. The solution to a problem does not lie where you have been looking for it, and this realization will help you to solve it. Avoid exposing yourself to ridicule. Be reliable.</p>

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## Cup volleyball

TOKYO, Nov 7, (Reuters): First day results in the women's World Cup volleyball tournament on Tuesday. Cuba beat Peru 3-0 (15-8 15-2 15-8). China beat East Germany 3-0 (15-9 15-1 15-9). Soviet Union beat South Korea 3-0 (15-12 15-13 15-13). Japan beat Canada 3-1 (13-15 15-6 15-11 15-8).

## Jaite triumphs

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Nov 7, (Reuters): Second seed Martin Jaite of Argentina cruised into the second round of the \$130,000 Sao Paulo Open tennis tournament with a 6-2 6-3 victory over Australian Johan Anderson yesterday.

## Chicago tennis

CHICAGO, Nov 7, (Reuters): West German Bettina Bunge and American Marianne Werdel scored first round upsets at the \$250,000 Chicago Women's Tennis Tournament yesterday. Bunge ousted fifth seed Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia 6-2 6-6 6-0 in the night's final match. Earlier Werdel surprised struggling eighth seed Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 6-2 6-3.

## Lerby recalled

COPENHAGEN, Nov 7, (Reuters): Veteran midfielder Soeren Lerby has been recalled by trainer Sepp Piontek after an absence of 18 months as Denmark travel to Romania next week seeking the point they need to secure their place in the World Cup finals.

## Soccer friendlies

ROME, Nov 7, (Reuters): Winger Roberto Donadoni and striker Aldo Serena were recalled to Italy's national soccer squad yesterday for friendlies against Algeria and England.

## Women's hockey

NEW DELHI, Nov 7, (Reuters): Spain held Japan to a 1-1 draw today to join them in the semifinals of the women's Intercontinental Cup hockey tournament.

## Cup qualifier

LISBON, Nov 7, (Reuters): Portugal today recalled winger Antonio Pacheco and free-kick specialist Antonio Sousa in a bid to secure the four-goal victory they need against Czechoslovakia to qualify for the World Cup soccer finals.

## NHL games

NEW YORK, Nov 7, (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday.

New York	3	Detroit	1
Montreal	3	St Louis	3
Toronto	2	Minnesota	1
Calgary	5	Edmonton	1

## Training regimen

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, Nov 7, (AP): Sugar Ray Leonard says his three-week training regimen on the South Carolina coast went better than a expected and he's "right on schedule" for a Dec 7, middleweight title fight with Roberto Duran.

## Golf courses

ST ANDREW'S, Scotland, Nov 7, (AP): Almost 700 new golf courses must be built in England and Northern Ireland in the next decade to meet the growing demand for the sport, golf's governing body reported today.

## Egypt triumph

TUNIS, Nov 7, (Reuters): Egypt beat Tunisia 4-0 (halftime 1-0) in a friendly soccer match in Tunis today. Both teams are preparing for World Cup qualifying matches to determine who will represent Africa in the finals in Rome next week. Egypt plays Algeria in the second leg of one semifinal and Tunisia faces Cameroon in the other.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS for the 6th week of the Dunhill Bridge Tournament played at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel on Monday.

N/S  
1. Nabil & Peter  
2. Dr Adel & Sherin  
3. Duajj & Sultan Ali  
E/W  
1. Mrs Jaya Sapre and Mr Shah  
2. Ravi & Mukharjee, and Wardecki & Walkawicz  
3. Tomas and Burkley  
Next Monday the game will be played at the Messilah Beach Hotel at 7.45 pm.

## Maradona in Argentina for 'marriage of decade'

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 7, (Reuters): Diego Maradona, considered by many to be the world's greatest soccer player, flew to Buenos Aires yesterday for his wedding in what the local press has billed "the marriage of the decade."

A former slum dweller who rose to become one of the world's best-known athletes, Maradona flew in aboard a chartered jumbo jet carrying 280 guests, including team-mates from his Italian club Napoli.

Maradona, 29, was whisked away by a car at Buenos Aires' Ezeiza airport, eluding hundreds of reporters, photographers and admirers who had turned out to greet him.

The stocky midfielder is due to marry his 28-year-old common-law wife Claudia Villafane this evening in two ceremonies —

San Francisco take three-game lead in NFC West  
Montana helps 49ers blast Saints

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 7, (AP): Joe Montana tied not be worried about losing his job to Steve Young or Steve Bono, but he sure played like it last night.

Montana showed his backups how it's done, and may have shown the New Orleans Saints the way out of playoff contention in San Francisco's 31-13 victory. Returning sharper than ever from an injury layoff, he threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as the 49ers took a three-game lead in the NFC West.

The 49ers, tied with the New York Giants for the National Football League's best record at 8-1, reached the eight-victory mark four weeks earlier than last season, when they went on to win the Super Bowl.

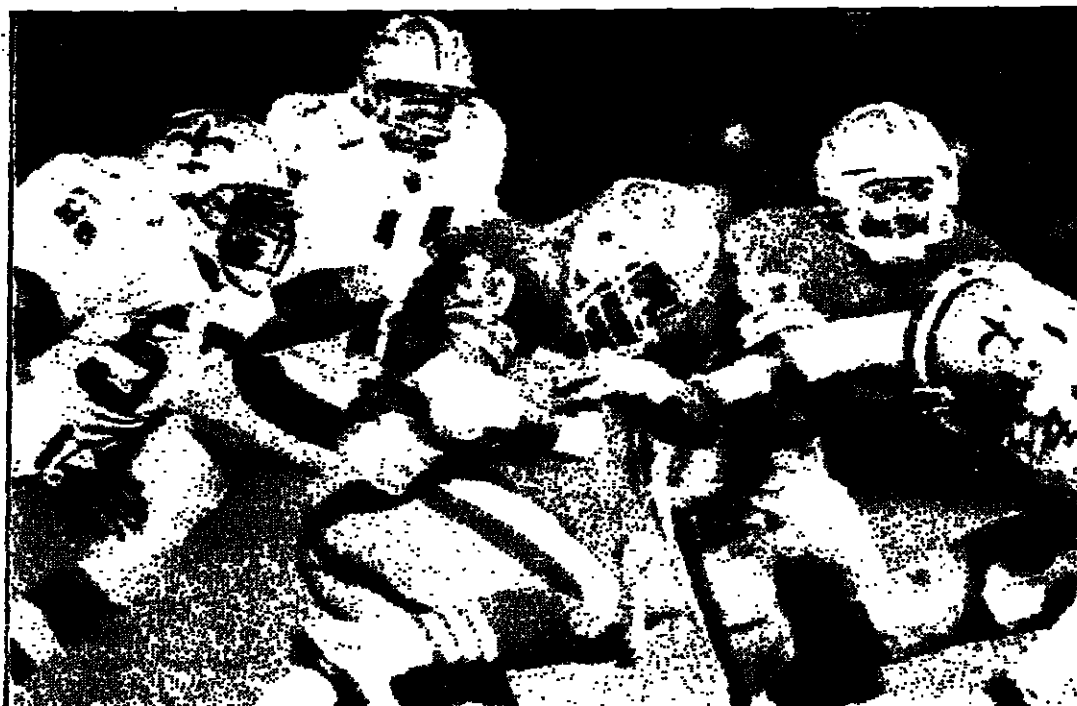
Montana found a familiar target, Jerry Rice, for two TDs and John Taylor for a third. Montana raced around right end for the 3-yard clincher in the fourth period, spiking the ball triumphantly.

"Montana played like a man possessed tonight," said Rice, who set two team records with his scores.

Montana also managed to escape unscathed from the Saints' aggressive defense, which had recorded 17 sacks in the previous three weeks. The 49ers' inconsistent offensive line came through with one of its best performances.

"Some games you have to scrap and fight for every inch," Montana said. "New Orleans has a very good defense. It wasn't easy, but we did what we had to do."

Montana's view of the game



49ers' Roger Craig (centre) covers the ball as he prepares to be crunched by Robert Massey (right) Vaughan Johnson, left and Dave Wayner, 2nd left. (Reuter wirephoto)

was not shared by Saints coach Jim Mora.

"That was a pretty good butt-kicking tonight," Mora said. "We didn't cover, we didn't tackle. We looked like we were in a daze on defense. Tonight, that first half, it was scary the way they went through us and around us and over us."

San Francisco coach George Seifert credited Montana's effort.

"Joe is an extremely poised

quarterback, and the offensive line tonight gave him the opportunity to be even more poised and play a terrific game," Seifert said. New Orleans (4-5) fell victim to three Montana touchdowns passes for the second time in five weeks. It had won three straight games in the interim, but this defeat dealt a severe blow to its playoff hopes.

## Standings

Standing of National Football League

teams after games played yesterday (incomplete under won, lost, tied, points for, against):

American Conference				
	W	L	T	PA
Buffalo	6	3	0	210
Miami	5	4	0	203
Indianapolis	4	5	0	167
New England	3	6	0	157
NY Jets	2	7	0	159
National Conference				
	W	L	T	PA
Cleveland	6	3	0	233
Cincinnati	5	4	0	211
Houston	5	4	0	246
Pittsburgh	4	5	0	123



Saints quarterback Bobby Herbert is sacked by 49ers Pierce Holt, No. 28. (Reuter wirephoto)

Western Division				
	W	L	T	PA
Dallas	1	6	0	119
San Francisco	8	1	0	246
LA Raiders	5	4	0	206
LA Rams	4	5	0	174
San Diego	4	5	0	153
Seattle	3	6	0	152
Eastern Division				
	W	L	T	PA
NY Giants	8	1	0	219
Philadelphia	6	3	0	207
Washington	4	5	0	213
Phoenix	4	5	0	169

## 'For Kicks' blows whistle on horse racing

LONDON, Nov 7, (Reuters): Revelations in a London courtroom about beams from an ultrasonic gun nobbling a racehorse at Royal Ascot struck a familiar chord in the Florida home of best-selling novelist Dick Francis.

Nearly 25 years ago Francis, formerly a top jump jockey in England, wrote of villains using a high-pitched whistle to affect the outcome of a race.

At Ascot, the device, concealed in binoculars, was said to have stopped a horse winning.

It was claimed in court the beam from the gun emitted such a "hideous, air-piercing shriek" it caused a top-class horse, called He De Chyvre, which was winning easily, to swerve violently and unseat his jockey.

The court heard the device was used only once — at Ascot — before the arrest of its inventor on a charge of possession of and conspiring to supply cocaine.

The defendant has made the admission about the ultrasonic gun, his counsel conceding there was "a conspiracy to undermine the entire system of racecourse betting and bookmaking," but maintaining it had nothing to do with cocaine.

In the Francis novel, "For Kicks," a dog whistle, inaudible to humans, galvanised frightened horses into running much faster than ever before — and winning.

Cunning and unscrupulous men had kidnap-

ped horses, subjected them, on the blowing of a whistle, to the most appalling treatment from a flame thrower and then returned them to their stables.

On racecourses after the horse jumped the last fence, the whistle would be blown and the frightened animal, no doubt a psychological wreck, would bolt for the line as if the hounds of hell were in pursuit.

Appropriately, it was hounds which gave Francis his inspiration back in the 1960s.

He told Reuters by telephone from Florida: "I got the idea when I used to ride at Cartmel (in a hilly part of the northwest of England)."

"Before and after racing they used to hold hound and puppy trials (races across country). You would see shepherds blowing whistles which you could not hear but eventually the hounds would come over the hill."

"I suddenly thought if dogs hear the whistle, could horses? So I bought a whistle and tried it out on some ponies. Every time I blew the whistle the ponies would look up."

That was enough. The phenomenon became the basis of "For Kicks," the third of 28 best sellers Francis has produced to date.

Uncannily, another famous horse racing episode, the disappearance of 1981 Derby winner Shergar, was also predated by a similar incident in a Francis novel.

"Blood Sport," written in 1967, tells of the kidnapping of a classic winner. Sixteen years later Shergar, who also won the Irish Derby, disappeared from the Irish stud farm of the Aga Khan.

He was bundled into a horsebox west of Dublin by armed men and has never been seen since.

Some years ago Francis asked senior figures in the Jockey Club, the ruling body of horse racing in Britain, whether the picture he painted of the sport was too vivid.

But he was told his novels were good for the sport. "They replied that people who read my books were encouraged to go racing," Francis said.

Over the years his novels have been consistent best-sellers with their attractive mixture of suspense and action, often set against a racing background.

But it could be argued that nothing Francis writes could ever equal the real-life drama which overtook him in 1956 when riding Devon Loch in the Aintree Grand National for the mother of Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

About 200 metres (yards) from the winning post, with the race at his mercy, suddenly and without warning, Devon Loch slipped up, his four legs playing widely.

The incident has never been satisfactorily explained.

## Cosmos reach final

COSMOS defeated Kuwait Independents Gold in a sudden-death penalty shootout to reach the final of the Montevideo Cup hockey tournament.

Cosmos took the lead in the 10th minute of the game through a goal by Fanchu. Afzal got the equaliser for Independents but neither team could score any more goals in the normal time.

Even after the penalty shoot-out both the team were level at 3-3 and the sudden death rule had to be applied to achieve a result.

The Cosmos goalkeeper kept his cool to bring off a good save on the 10th penalty to give his

team a 7-6 win.

In the second semifinal, Uruguay were leading 1-0 against Flying Arrows when the match was abandoned three minutes from the final whistle due to bad weather.

In another match, Pak XI defeated Starworld 8-7 after a sudden-death penalty shootout to reach the finals of the Sharma Trophy.

On Friday Kuwait Independent Black face Cosmos in the 'Sharma Trophy' while Kuwait Independents Gold take on Flying Arrows and Unity face Pak XI.

## Kuwait Open tournament

THE Kuwait Open badminton tournament will be held at the KOC Sports Centre, Ahmad, from Nov 25-30.

The tournament is open to all badminton players in Kuwait. The matches will be held daily from 7.00 to 10.00 pm except on the last day of the tournament when the finals and presentations would be held from 4.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

The organisers hope to attract a large number of badminton players to the tournament before the last date of entry, Nov 15, at 10.00 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from the KOC Sports Centre and the Hubara Club receptions any day of the week or contact Elie Saliba, Tel. 3983172 (4.00-9.00 pm).

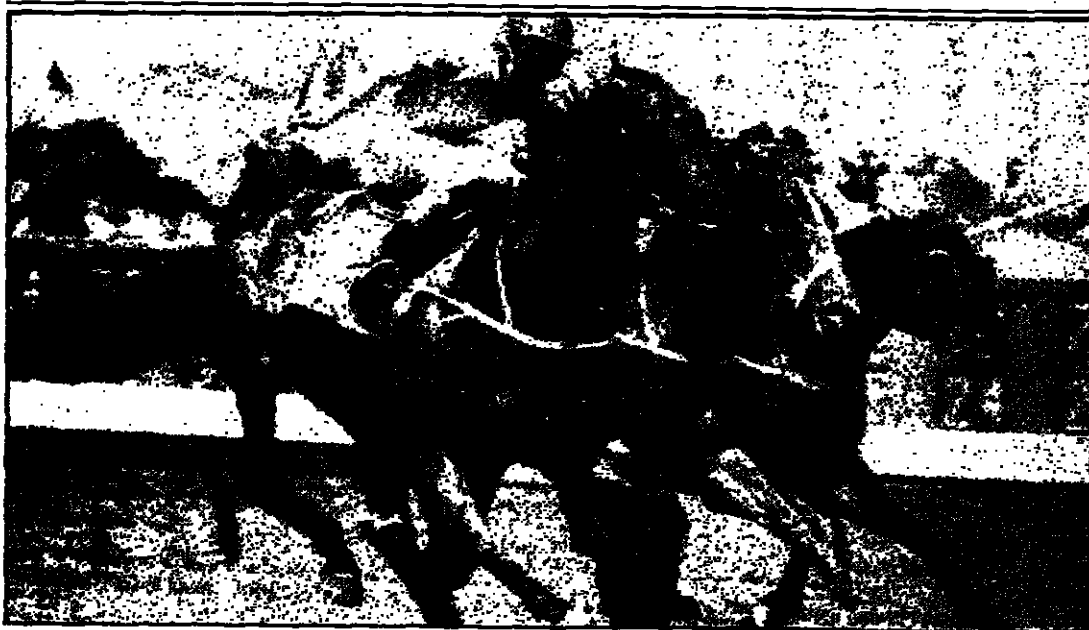
## Lankans name Test squad

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Nov 7, (AP): Sri Lanka today announced a 16-member cricket team for the upcoming Australian tour and included captain Arjuna Ranatunga's elder brother and two other debutants in the side.

The four-member selecting committee retained Ranatunga to lead Sri Lanka in the three-month tour starting Nov 14, officials of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka said.

They said the skipper's 27-year-old brother, Dhammika Ranatunga, replaced out-of-form wicketkeeper and opener, Brendon Kuruppu.

The team: Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Ravi Ratnayake (vice-captain), Rohan Mahanama, Dhammika Ranatunga, Asanka Gurusingha, Aravinda de Silva, Hashan Tillekeratne, Sanath Jayasuriya, Graeme Labrooy, Chaminda Ramanayake, Ramesh Ratnayake, Kapila Wijesinghe, Asoka de Silva, Ranjith Madurasinghe, Athula Samarasekera and Gamini Wickremasinghe (wicketkeeper).



Shane Dye rides Tawrrific (left) to victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Tawrrific wins Melbourne Cup

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov 7, (Reuters): Tawrrific, a 30-1 outsider, stormed down the centre of the Flemington course to win the \$1.39 million Melbourne Cup in record time today.

Lee Freedman, who trains at Flemington, completed a dream afternoon by also saddling the second-placed horse Super Imposé, quoted at 25-1, in the world's richest handicap race.

Kudze completed a magnificent day for the unfancied mounts in the 23-strong field — and the bookmakers — by coming third by a nose at 50-1 in the 3.2 km (two miles) race.

Pre-race favourite Empire Rose, bidding to become only the fifth horse to win successive cups, was at the front of the field. But the top-weight giant New Zealand mare faded in the last 900 metres. He finished 15th.

Turning into the home straight Kudze, ridden by Melbourne's top jockey Michael Clark, took over the running on the rails with a two-length lead over Super Imposé with power of destiny third.

With 300 metres to race, jockey Darren Gaudi on Super Imposé had



Dye raises his arm in victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

worn down Kudze and appeared headed for victory. But as 100,000 spectators roared their support, Tawrrific and jockey Shane Dye suddenly appeared out of the pack with 100-1 chance Lord Hybrow in tow.

The five-year-old Gelding came hammering down the outside of the green, sun-soaked track to race home

## MEE clear at the top

MAKING the most of comparatively easy early season games, MEE's whitewash of No Hopes last taken them into a clear 2-point lead at the top of the Mouchel Wednesday Darts League.

Nearest challengers Has Beams dropped their first points in an enthralling encounter with Soweto Shoggers, thanks to an outstanding night's work from Richard Ellis. With both captans, Ian Thomas and Nobby Burton, winning their respective games with ease, the remaining legs could have gone either way.

Geoff Clark's 87 finish in his deciding leg, was more than matched by Ellis who hit the first 180 of the evening along with 140 and two other high scores as narrowly pip Jim Neilson. Good Mickey Mouse play by John Carr and Ted Stokloss kept the Beams in it, but Ellis was not to be denied, and even though Burton and Neilson played well, he was always one treble in front.

The battle for second place is certainly heating up as these two sides pursued by the rest of the pack. Chalkers saw off Zero-up, although Chalkers lost for the first time whilst Bulls Hitters similarly disposed of Fintastics, where Harry Milne and Anne Wetzel both hit two scoring MM trebles as Fintastics and BH Ladies shared the pot. Wearatrapepe maintained complete control over a struggling Shower of Tossers, as Steve Walters' purple patch continued with 3 more high scores. Nick Harvey also got 3, and Tossers only bright spot was 4 high scores and a win for skipper Mike McLeod.

Having drawn a MM leg last week, Barbed Comments decided that it was good fun and Dave Ball did not want the last point as far as Lady Tossers were concerned though as they suffered their first defeat, not helped by Eileen Walters taking the lead in the Ladies Highest Finish Trophy with a 67 check out.

Another team finding it hard to match last season's performance are equalisers, still pointless after their visit to Mugs/Aw. Dave Ball did a 140, but so did Mugs' Tony Walker, to add to Chris Smith's 44 high scores.

By comparison both Nobblers and Dinar Soaters have had an excellent start this time out. Both remaining undefeated, as their respective captains, Don Sefton and Cliff Lindley, led the way with 140s this week.

Pacifics can also claim to be happy with their progress so far, especially as the Ladies took a good point from Fines. Another good showing from Fines Evalina Breznik with her 46 Ladies high score, to put her comfortably ahead in the most number of High Scores Trophy. Absolutely swept the board at Four Play helped by Martin Fessey's 3 high scores, whilst both Grabbers and Blackouts consolidated their positions, where apart from 3 high scores each for Cyril Abdi and Ian Dwyer, the main highlight of the evening was the apparent inability of the visitors to arrive at or leave the venue without assistance.

The full Mouchel Kuwait Wednesday Darts League results were as follows, with ladies scores in brackets:

Fintastics	(2) Bulls Hitters	(2) 140
Has Beams	(1) 2 Soweto Shoggers	(2) 140
Mugs/Aw	(2) 4 Equalisers	(2) 140
W-peel	(3) 5 Shower of T	(0) 140
Chalkers	(1) 5 Zero-up	(0) 140
Nobblers	(4) 4 Fint Piers	(0) 140
Grabbers	(6) 6 No Hopes	(0) 140
Blackouts	(2) 3 Fabry G	(0) 140
Four Play	(1) 2 Absolutely	(0) 140
D Soaters	(2) 3 Pacifics	(2) 140



## BKME outlast YMCA

THE Bank of Kuwait & The Middle East (BKME) started its campaign for the "Goodbye" YMCA Gold Cup with a superb 17-run win over the hosts in the final at the New Rigg Ground on Friday.

BKME skipper James won the toss and decided to bat first. Openers Ashfaq and Javed Khan were a good start, putting on 34 runs in 7 overs. Ashfaq was the first to leave, adjudged 10w to Salim for 12. Ronan and Khan were involved in a 42-run partnership for the 2nd wicket before Salim was bowled by Jayatil for 34. Salim's refusal to take a second run could have cost him 31 leaving BKME on 95 for 3 in 20 overs.

Salim and Sandeep then joined forces to place 50 runs in only 6 overs to help BKME's total to 144 before Salim was run out for 28. Sandeep continued his onslaught on the YMCA bowlers and ended up with 58 runs (5 fours) before he was bowled in the 30th over and helped BKME to a seasonable 185 for 9 in 30 overs.

After Niaz was the most successful bowler claiming 2 wickets, while Salim, Shammal, James and Aftab claimed a wicket each.

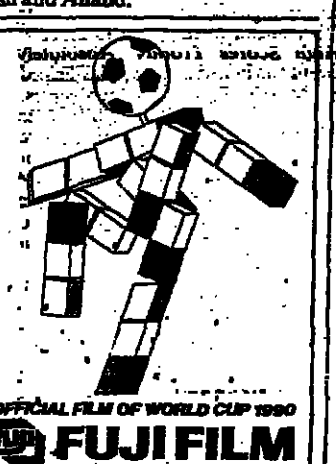
YMCA began their reply in earnest with Iqbal and Aftab putting on 35 in 5 overs before Ronan separated them, bowling Iqbal for 20. Prashant didn't last long, out for 12 in 2 overs. Aftab and Salim then took the score to 80 in 12 overs when Salim was bowled by Ronan. Salim's delivery to be bowled for a fine innings of 44 (11x4 and 4 fours).

YMCA looked set for victory at 120 for 4 in 20 overs when disaster struck as they lost 3 wickets in one over from James. First he bowled Iqbal caught off his own bowling and then off the last ball bowled Iqbal for 17. Aftab and Salim then got together to put on 21 runs but BKME bowlers did an excellent job restricting them to singles only. Shammal, trying to hit Salim out of the ground, bowled out to James at 159. James came on to bowl Aftab for 14 and Salim completed their misery having Aftab stumped by Ashfaq for 168 to leave BKME winners by 17 runs.

For BKME, James had a fine analysis of 4 for 20 in 6 overs, while Salim and Ronan claimed 2 wickets each.

## Bhutto Trophy

SOCIAL Cricket Club will face Falcons in Bhutto Memorial Cricket Trophy, sponsored by Pakistan Peoples Club and organised by Gulf Cricket League (GCL), at the EPI grounds on Friday. The match, which is to be supervised by Peter and Fayyaz, will commence at 1.00 pm. The two teams are: Falcons: Zahid Butt (Captain), Sher Afzal, Ayub, Sarfraz, Adnan, Khalid, G. Haider, Riaz, Mian, Sajjad, Ejaz, Darid Baig and Riffat. Social: Obrogi (Captain), Sydney, Darryl, Ramesh, Pershant, Jackson, Frank, Shiri, Shanta, Dexter, Rangit, Dinsh and Anand.

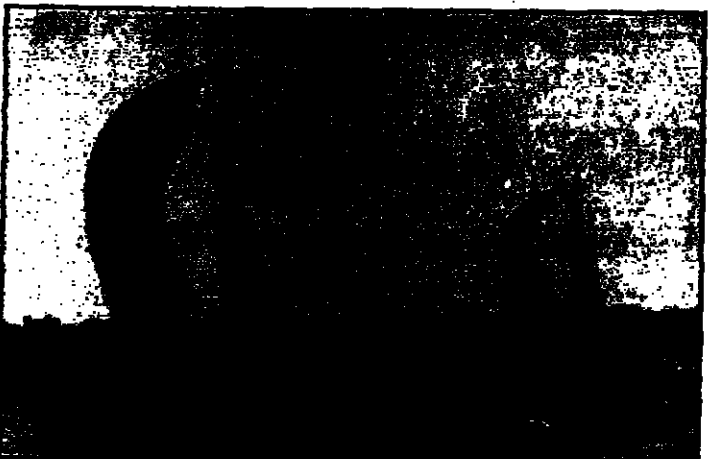


## Magic Flute stuns fleet to finish equal second

# Gambit wins Ericsson Cup



Ericsson Cup winner, Gambit, winches in her Genoa after tacking into port.



Magic Flute holds off Shammal during the run to Fish Cages.

THE Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association (KOSA) completed the second and final leg of the Ericsson Cup earlier this week. Gambit topped off a magnificent double by sailing a very professional race to make a clean sweep of the Cup.

The season's big improver, Magic Flute, turned on a sparkling display on Friday afternoon to finish WS2 in second place and shared the points with Red Viking for equal second in the Ericsson Cup.

After winning the first leg in the morning, the pressure was on Gambit to defend its lead in the battle for the Cup. Pre-race favourite, Red Viking went out determined to fight to the end.

The race committee were pleased to see that the fresh north westerly 12 knot morning breeze continued into the afternoon. The same triangle/sausage/triangle course leaving all marks to starboard was set. Total distance between marks was approximately ten miles.

Nine yachts contested the 1400 hours start; Gambit gybed in front of the converging fleet just over one minute from the start signal and crossed the line in a good position. The 40 ft Danat started in her customary position, well down the line.

However, it was not long before the same boat gained sufficient space to tack onto port and sailed clear of the starboard beating Gambit. As in the morning race, all boats except Gambit went off-shore.

It was evident that the Danat crew were determined to sail the yacht to its limits and utilize its

superior boat speed to break clear of her smaller sisters. She rounded the windward mark with a comfortable 30 second lead over Gambit.

Magic Flute had sailed a sterling first leg and rounded in third place; helmsman Greig Warnsley kept her in the groove beautifully. It is believed that some serious cursing was heard on more than one boat.

In a demonstration of markedly improved sail handling skill, Danat hoisted her spinnaker in reasonable time to ward off the surging Gambit. She increased her lead to one and one half minutes at Fish Cages.

The battle for third place was interesting; Magic Flute surprised some boats by holding her lead despite some indifferent spinnaker work. Shammal and Red Viking were unfortunately not able to exploit the situation and trailed Magic Flute and Fish Cages.

Danat continued to build her lead and sailed past ODM and on to the windward mark; she now led Gambit by about four minutes. Magic Flute rounded next, a further four minutes behind.

The establishment order did not change during the remainder of the race. Danat crossed the finish line approximately four minutes in front of Gambit. This margin was insufficient, however, to stop Gambit from claiming victory and with it the Ericsson Cup. Red Viking decided to sail the final leg under spinnaker in an all-out effort to catch the rampaging Magic Flute. However, the latter boat met the challenge and was able to hold off Red Viking by

about one minute to cross the line in third place. Shammal and Why Not finished fifth and sixth respectively.

The race committee noted that the elapsed times of the winning boat for WS1 and WS2 were within two minutes of each other (one hour twenty-five minutes). This occurrence was certainly a test of wind consistency.

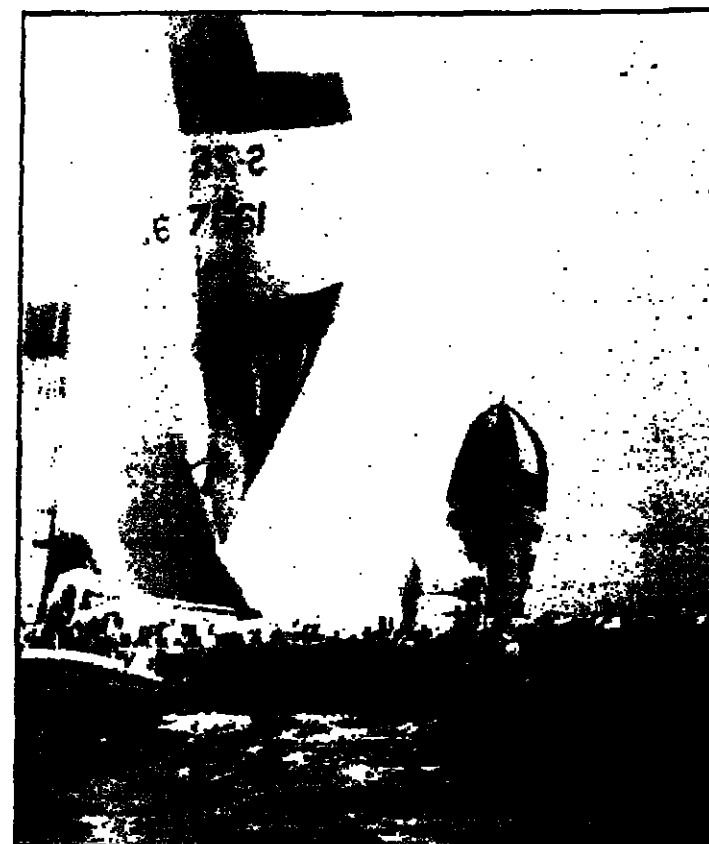
Handicap corrected results of WS2, the second and final leg of the Ericsson Cup: Class 1: 1st Gambit, 2nd Red Viking, 3rd Shammal. Class 2: 1st Magic Flute, 2nd Danat, 3rd Topaz. Overall: 1st Gambit, 2nd Magic Flute, 3rd Danat.

Ericsson Cup results: 1st Gambit, 2nd Red Viking, 3rd Magic Flute.

Kosa held an apres-race BBQ at the Shaab Marina Clubhouse. A very jovial and enthusiastic crowd were introduced to the Ericsson deputy general manager in Kuwait, Bo Nielson. After expressing his sincere thanks to the Ericsson Company for their generous support, the Kosa commodore announced the winner of the Ericsson Cup. A formal presentation will be held at the completion of the Winter Series in mid-December.

There are five remaining races in the Winter Series. Progressive scores after races WS1 and WS2 for all declared entries: Gambit 0 points, Red Viking 11, Magic Flute 11, Shammal 15.7, Danat 17.4, Why Not 21.7, Whispering 27, Topaz 27, Good Kompany 30 and Lemons 34.

The next race WS3 is a mid-distance race (20-30 miles) and will be staged on Friday, Nov 17.



The run to the Fish Cages; Gambit, Shammal and Red Viking (foreground).



Danat (foreground) leads Gambit on the beat to the windward mark.

## Lanka Lions outplay Skylark for semifinals

LANKA LIONS Cricket Club (Jawal Al Ghanim Est) qualified for the semifinals of the India Tea Board Trophy by convincingly defeating Skylark C.C. by 5 wickets at the EPI ground on Friday.

Batting first, Skylark were all at bay against a superior attack spearheaded by Sujith and Dissanayake and lost their first three wickets for 13 in 5 overs. But with the arrival of Mervyn, proceedings took an about turn. His elegant strokeplay which fetched him two sixes and 3 fours coupled with an almost nonchalant confidence made his innings of 51 in 6 overs a treat to watch.

A quick piece of work behind the stumps by Ray got him run out before he took things too far for the Lions. The tempo could not be maintained by the rest of the Skylark batsmen though Mansoor grafted 35 runs to keep their hopes alive which helped them reach 127 before being all out.

For the Lions, the two spinners proved to be the most economical with Chandra Wang 2 for 19 and Dissanayake 2 for 16 in their quota of 6 overs each.

Sujith and Dissanayake, too, completed their quotas taking 1 for 26 and 2 for 30 respectively with Nihal chipping in with one wicket. Newcomer Nalintra, too, bowled a tidy spell but without success and held onto a brilliant catch at short leg.

Jaldeen launched the Lankan innings on an aggressive note hitting one six and 2 fours in an explosive knock of 15. But the best batting of the day came from the other opener Nihal who carried his bat to be 52 not out and Ranil who scored 47 who put on 73 in 15 overs. Both of them batted sensibly and displayed a high quality of technique as they have done so many times in the past, so provide the base for a respectable win for the Lions.

The extremely slow outfield limited their ground strokes to just one four each but Ranil stroked an effortless six over mid wicket.

Out of the eight bowlers tried by Skylark, Mervyn had the best figures of 2 for 32 while Philip and Mansoor took one wicket each.



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